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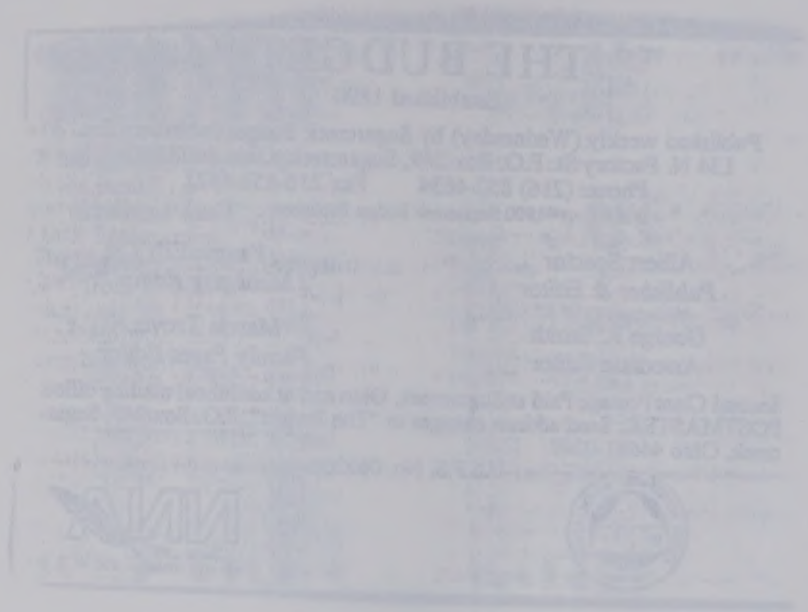

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Dec. 28--Snow is knee deep and snowing about every day. Had another 4 to 6 in. during the night.

Church was at Abe H. Rabers' Sun. and shall be at Mose Stutzmans' next. A small church Sun. on account of the measles. Our dau. has them. Son Mennos all have them except Menno. He had them before.

John E. Miller fell some way and broke his leg.

A dau. Sarah born to Dan E.E. and Dora (Raber) Miller. Grands are Eli E. Millers and Noah Rabers.

A dau. to Mose J. and Iva (Miller) Hostetler. Grands are Josie Hostetlers and Harvey E. Miller.

A dau, Mary to Jonie H. and Loma (Raber) Shetler. Grands are Eli Rabers and Henry Shetlers.

The Hershbergers had their Christmas at Dan Wengerds' on Sun. Sam A. Bylers from Sugar Grove were there with 6 children.

Sugarhill School was closed a few days on account of the measles. Our school only had 10 scholars on Tues. out of 28.

Menno Hershberger

FILLMORE, N.Y.

Dec. 28--It's been cold & blustery and snowy this month and not often over 20° in the daytime. Our coldest was 4° below, but I've heard say some had 20° below.

Johns were here on Christmas Day and eve., it seemed good to have the whole family together for the day. Ray also had his 50th birthday that day.

The Ernest Girod family gathering was at their dau.'s, the Rudy E. Millers in Woodhull, N.Y. yesterday. All from here planned to go, but I don't know about the ones from LeRaysville, Pa.

Son-in-law John is doing some remodeling inside their house, so our oldest boys have been helping him. Yesterday Johnny Byler & boys planned to help, so the boys didn't go as there's hardly enough room for so many at a time. They have their kitchen & livingroom combined till the kitchen is done, so it's pretty close quarters there, too.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Dec. 27--The weather remains the same as it has been for quite awhile, cold and is often around 10⁰ and doesn't warm up much in the daytime.

Church was held at Robert A. Rabers' on Sun. and to be at Ervin R. Millers' on Sat. in a week (Old Christmas). Visitors were Mose Millers, Felty E. Millers and Mahlon Girods from LeRaysville, Pa. and Allen J. Miller from North Church. Moses and Mahlons spent Christmas Day at Ervin E. Miller Jrs'. and Feltys were at his parents', Ervin Millers for Christmas. David Yoders had also planned to be at Ervin Jrs'. on Christmas.

Jesse M. Mullets and Sam D. Millers were at Melvin Mullets' on Christmas for a turkey dinner. Robert Rabers came in p.m. and for supper.

Rhoda E. Miller (Ervins) is minus the top part of one of her fingers on the right hand after getting it in a meat grinder. She was taken to emergency room. She had quite a bit of pain the first few days.

Melvin J. Byler (Jonases) also made a trip to the emergency room after getting a finger in a wood splitter at a place he was working. The skin and nail were tore off, one finger so that the bone could be seen. Is healing good now.

Marie R. Raber (teacher) also had a very sore foot. One morning when she went out to go to school, one of her pencils fell out of her school bag and she stepped into it and it went right through her shoe into her foot. She pulled it out and the lead broke off at the tip and she was unable to get it out. Haven't heard if she got it out later then or not.

Hillside View School had their Christmas program last Friday a.m.

Andy Mullets and Jonas Schrocks are spending about a week in Cashton, Wisc. They also stopped in Ind. by one of Andy's aunts. Andys' 2 boys are staying at Sam D. Millers'.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

PRATTSBURG, N.Y.

Dec. 25--We have had a cold December so far, our lowest was 5⁰ below, but it has been cold so constantly that underground water pipes froze that did not freeze all of last winter.

Danny Schwartz was in Norfolk for about a week. Dave Vanderbosh went along up, but came back with the driver the next morning. Also coming back was Mervin Hilty for a few days.

Our Mary and Esther Schwartz spent the weekend of Dec. 16th in the Fillmore area with teacher Erma Gingerich, returning early Mon. morning.

Church was at our house yesterday. Dave Vanderboshes were missing as they were visiting homefolks in Catteraugus County.

Also another father was missing as he fell in the creek with his Sunday clothes that morning and it happened to be 2⁰ below.

Eli Hochstetlers from Mercer, Pa. were visiting at her parents', the Alvin Shrocks' and attended church at our place yesterday.

Milk prices are better than they were for 5 years. Also most of the Amish farmers are buying their dairy feed from Blue Seal which is at least $20 per ton cheaper than their nearest competitor. Also it was discovered this fall that if we have a large order of building supplies, it sure pays to get bids from all the suppliers in the area. It might not work in all areas, but here we saved about 25%.

Harry D. Troyer

SOUTH DAYTON, N.Y.

Dec. 27--We've had below zero temp. in Dec. with lots of snow so couldn't complain of not having a white Christmas.

I was in the hosp. again for six days and came home on Christmas Day p.m. Had been gaining some since the gallstone operation, then all at once my stomach disorders started again like before I had my operation and I started dehydrating again and lost so much weight. Was down to 106 lbs. They took a lot of x-rays and finally found out I was born with a disease of the small intestine called non-tropical sprue. There is no cure but if I stay on a gluten-free diet for the rest of my life I can have better health again. Am still very weak but can eat now without vomiting, etc. Am so thankful we know what to do for it now.

Last Thurs. was the wedding of Danny D. Miller and Barbara J. Miller. Witnesses were Eli D. Miller & Barbara M. Shetler and Jacob J. Miller & Jemima N. Kaufman.

Jake's married children from Canada attended, also sister Edna & husband, the Dan J. Bylers, also some from Ohio.

The newlyweds will move to Norwich, Ont., in the near future where Danny is farming.

Noah Detweiler church dist. is to be at their place for their son Erwins on Jan. 6th.

Joe E. Miller district will be at Robert J. Millers on the same date.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Dec. 23--Home again, after an absence of nearly 6 weeks, helping brother-in-law butcher hogs in Tenn., attending a few weddings of my grandchildren in Ohio and also visiting a few friends, widowers and close relatives.

I came home to some cold, but nice winter weather. It was 80º below 0 here on my north porch. It's still below 0 here at noon. It was 0 and below most every morning since Thanksgiving. Seems more like an old-fashioned winter, with a nice cover of snow on the ground.

Up here our taxes are very high but moneywise I don't know which is the worst, paying taxes or buying so awful much of this high priced fertilizer to keep our land in production as they do in the south, plus so much spray and dust materiaal to keep the bugs from their crops.

My wife used to say, people are healthier in the north than in the south, especially the small children. I expect it's our good cold drinking water that does it. To me, the water in those hand dug wells tastes more like rain water. Why wouldn't it, as many of them are nearly full of water this time of the year which would be rain water soaking into them.

A few years ago some of our friends from down there were up here on a visit in the summertime and they claimed they had to put warm water in our water here so they could drink it.

Now there are some down there that have high fever to move to Georgia. I don't know if the wter down there is cold enough to cool a fever down or not, but I don't want to say too much as that fever might be catching too, like the measles in the north.

So far the measles are not scattered much up here.

The wedding at Jacob L. Shetlers' is past now, for their daughter Lizzie and Enos M. Swartzentruber. The young couple expects to work for a dairyman in the neighborhood.

Born to Menno E. Masts a son on the 16th named Enos. This puts Eli J. Millers on the grandpa list for the first time. Enos Masts from Tenn. are the other grandparents.

The bus companies are putting out some very cheap rates where you can travel many miles for a cheap rate. Now these buses will stop every so often to give the passengers a chance to get out and stretch their legs and get themselves something to eat. But beware, as recently an elderly couple was on an extended trip to different settlements and states, and went in at one of these rest stops where there was a sign, I understand, that said, for $4 you can have all you want to eat. Thinking they don't want too much they just took 2 small bowls of soup, and the husband took a chicken leg too and when they came to the checkout counter their bill was $8.00, the same as if they would have filled their plates. Now I am not going to mention any names here, but if someone would like to know who it was, don't write to me, write to Mose J. Miller, Heuvelton, N.Y. Nix for ungute.

Rudy S. Yoder

CATO, NEW YORK

Dec. 20--Min. Lester & Anna Sauder were at Pleasant Ridge Church on the 10th. John Sauder & Melvin High took part in services. Visitors were Nevin & Joyce Horst who were with his sis. Mary Ellen & Raymond Martin. Also Mrs. Marvin Lee Hurst's sis. Shirley and Dwayne Martin of In. They stayed till Mon. Marvin & Ada Hurst were to Pa. for a Hurst get-together.

Leon Weilers, Aaron Wises, Mervin Hursts & Lester Wises were all to Pa. to attend the Sensenig family gathering at Midway Center.

Our family & Leon Goods both were in Pa. over Sat. & Sun. The occasion was my parents, Norman and Martha High's, 50th wedding anniversary and our annual Christmas dinner at their place Sunday. We visited Frank & Edna Mae Horning at Annville in the eve., where some of our gang got together. They were Glen Martins, Luke Hornings, Reuben Martins, Erla Oberholtzer, Wilmer Martins, Glenn Highs, Ray Zimmermans, Melvin Hornings and Raymond Zimmermans. We were glad to have dry roads all the way home and got here at 3 a.m. Mon. morn.

We missed out on some excitement on Sun. while in Pa. Our milkman, driving a semi truck, was on his way here to pick up our milk. A pickup truck came toward him "hogging" the road, so to give him more room he steered toward the road ditch in our front yard. The ditch was filled with snow and he took it too close, the result being his right wheels went into the ditch. He said he came to a stop and it felt like someone fastened a winch to his truck and slowly pulled till the entire rig lay on its side. He climbed out through the window when he couldn't get the door open. He spent some time in neighbor Allen Hoovers' kitchen beside the stove, as he wasn't dressed warm. They brought a 10-wheeler and pumped the milk out of the trailer into it. The front compartment was full, so they opened the hatch only slightly and let the milk flow into a pail and pumped it out of there so the tank wouldn't collapse. Damage to the rig was slight. It took them over 9 hours till they had it back on wheels again.

Melvin Highs were also in Pa. for the High family get-together at his mother Verna High's place. Dea. Irvin Martins of Cumb. Co., Pa. were at Pleasant Ridge Sun. Min. Aaron Horning, Min. George Brubacher and Dea. Ray Zimmerman conducted services at Mountain View, Pa. where we attended.

Today was the school's Christmas program and dinner at Conquest. It started snowing in p.m. and after 4 or 5 in. on top of the 18 in. we had, is still coming down thick. Skating party is at John Sensenig's this eve. They live approx. 30 mi. south of here and don't have as much snow.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Dec. 27--Clear sky, no wind. Temp. was -26° this morn., we did have a mild Christmas, temp. up to +20°.

Visitors in the community over Christmas were the Vic Delagranges, Chris Schwartzes and the Jerry Wengerds, all from Prattsburg, N.Y. Vics and Chrisses left for home yesterday noon and Jerrys plan to stay for a week.

Mrs. Sue Wickey and dau. Marina left last Thursday on a 3-week trip to visit her children. Mrs. John Delagrange went with them as far as her parents, the Pete Schwartzes in Linesville, Pa. Jake plans to go pick her up this Sat. Pete Z. is Sue's driver.

Naomi Wengerd is staying in Sue's house to keep the fire going and doing her chores.

Neighbor John Starkey, tells how he worked on the Alaska Pipeline project. It starts at Prudhoe Bay, approx. 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle, approx. 1300 miles from the North Pole. The overall investment between 1970-80 was about $15 billion. The length of it is about 800 miles, 420 miles on above ground supports, 380 miles buried, the 48" pipe delivers 1½ million barrels of oil per day.

Ben Schwartz

CATO, NEW YORK

Dec. 28--Snowed 3 to 4 in. of lake-effect snow today. On Tues. we had about the same amount but high winds. Lots of cars got into ditches because of drifts and poor visibility.

A son Anthony Jacob was born to Lester and Mary Lou Wise on Dec. 17th. Grandparents are Aaron Hursts and Jacob Wises.

Visitors at Pleasant Ridge Sun. were Mrs. Nora Martin of Myerstown, Pa. and dau. Arlene and son Marvin. Paul and Susie Martin and family and Marvin Lee and Dorothy Hurst visited in In. a few days.

Church on Christmas day was at Fayette. Amos and Erma Hahn and family and Irvin and Velma Wise and family were present. Approx. 18 families were at our home for a hymn sing in the eve. Irvins were here too, and were to Leon Goods' for the night. They had been at Henry Martins' for supper and had Tues. dinner with Aaron Foxes before starting home.

There was a cookie bake at Nelson Wises' for the young people Sat. eve., a singing at Kevin Highs' Sun. eve. and a gathering at John Sauders' Mon. eve.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

RENSSELAER FALLS, N.Y.

Dec. 29--Two above zero with a wind from the East. They say this was the coldest December with the most snow for the last 158 years. We did have a lot of sub-zero weather.

Church is at John M. Miller's the last day of 1989.

We came home from our trip yesterday after facing a lot of cold weather in Ohio. We had gone as far south as Tn. where we met many relatives. My wife has a number of uncles and aunts, one grandmother, plus a host of cousins there. It's over 19 years that we were there and I knew very few of the younger generation. After enough people asked about our family, it was discovered that they are set up in three's, at the present time. We have 3 married, 3 by de youngie, 3 out of school, "not by de youngie", 3 in school, 3 under school age. They have 3 grandparents and we have 3 grandchildren.

On Dec. 21 was the wedding of Enos M. Swartzentruber and Lizzie J. Shetler. Their witnesses were Eli "Sam" J. Yoder with Katiann "Jake" Shetler and Eli "Mose" Swartzentrubers with Lydiann Swartzentruber. Upon request I will name witnesses at Dan A. Miller's awhile ago. Mosie "John" E. Millers with Barbra "Dan" A. Millers and Andy "Enos" Mast with Mattie "Levi" Shetlers.

Traveling north of Syracuse yesterday was very snowy and Route 81 was closed very shortly after we came through. Coming further north the sun was shining.

Dave Hostettler of Lodi settlement was around here over the weekend.

E. Swartzentruber

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Dec. 29--Every snow lover should be satisfied by now. It has snowed a little, or more, nearly every day in Dec. The lowest temp. was -12°, but that wasn't so bad, since we had very little wind. School was closed on the 21st and again on the 26th when we did have wind and lake effect snowstorms.

Chicken pox are still around and now measles, too. John Bricker was very sick with chicken pox. Their 2-mo.-old baby didn't get it.

Dau. Leah and Mrs. Pete Shrock came from Geauga with the driver who'd taken Spike Kuhnses, Andy A. Bylers and Melvin (Shorty) Miller in late Fri. p.m. They all returned home Mon. Dan S. Yoders were in Sat. for the day.

Not having had enough wind to blow snow off roofs, the heavy loads are causing problems. Melting from inside heat and refreezing causes leakage for many. An apartment building in Panama has a tree trunk size icicle about 20 ft. long.

Dairy cows sold very high this week.

Mrs. Joe Bricker

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Dec. 26--A cold, blizzardy day, with fine blowing snow, which made it impossible to see. No school and program was canceled Thurs. eve.

The measles finally found their way to Clymer. Ben E. Hostetler is the first in the area to get them. The county nurse is coming to the Valley View and Lake View School tomorrow night to give boosters and whatever shots are needed.

I think 90% of the children in this area had the M.M.R. or are in the process of getting them, so hopefully the outbreak will not be severe. They do not give the measles shot until your child is about 15 months old, but they have something they give to the younger children.

I understand this measles outbreak is not just among the Amish, but also among non-Amish. But sometimes the Amish get the blame for spreading it, as not all take the shots.

Church to be at Wallace Millers' Sun.

Mrs. W. Troyer

WOODHULL, N.Y.

Jasper Area

Jan. 5--We enjoyed the warmer temp. this week bringing a Jan. thaw.

Only visitors at Jake Farmwald's in church Sun. was Erma Mullet of S. district. Church to be at Jake's again on 14th.

All of the Enos Kauffman children were having chicken pox. The 2 oldest were quite sick. Now a few other families have also started. No one has any idea where they were picked up. A warning to all, be sure and read all medicine labels. One mother, after using prescription pills for several days on her sick ones, noticed it read, DO NOT give to children with chicken pox. They had some very anxious moments, but hopefully no harm will be done.

Those who had ventured to Wi. last week returned home safely Sat. night. Mervin & Elizabeth Miller were also on the load.

Alvin Farmwald is still not able to go to church and has many painful days and nights. Their address is: Rt. 1, Box 121, Woodhull, N.Y. 14898.

Melvin Hershbergers had their children home for New Year's Day.

Mrs. Jonas Miller

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Jan. 4--The sub-zero temp. has been replaced this week with above freezing temperatures. Snow is about all melted.

Church on Sunday was at Dan Wengerds'. Visitors were Bishop Mose T. Schwartz, wife & 5 children, Jerry Wengerds from Prattsburg, N.Y., Ben Graber and 2 children from Grabill, Ind. and Reuben and Elizabeth (Sonny) Schmucker from Reading, Mich.

The Mose Schwartzes arrived at our place on Sat. morn. early and helped us butcher a 615 lb. hog. Also coming for the day was Ben Grabers, Jerry Wengerds, James Wickeys and Jonie Wengerd.

Ben Graber arrived at our father-in-laws, the Joe Delagranges on Friday and left for home on Tues. morn. Their driver was Dale Barnett.

Sunday p.m. Moses and Jerrys started for home. Going with them were Joe Wickeys and son Joe and Elizabeth Schmucker. After dropping Moses and Jerrys off at their home, the driver Tim Crane, headed on West to Allen Co., Ind. with the rest. The Wickeys spent New Year Day with Marie's family and Mrs. Salome Brandenburger.

A load of young folks from Quincy, Mich. arrived in the area on Tues. They were Marty, Wilber, Rosa May and Rebecca Schmucker. Irene Graber and Miriam Steury.

Alvin Hilty and John B. Schwartz weren't in church as Alvin's big toe was in the wrong place when the water tank he was carrying dropped! His children found out that their Dad can dance! The whole nail came off later on.

Ben Schwartz

ALBION, NEW YORK

Jan. 4--We are having a Jan. thaw, with temp. in the 40's. Dec. had record-breaking cold and snow. Our coldest was 4° above, but usually we had a stiff wind.

Welcome visitor in the community lately was Bish. Henry Hertzler of Bonduel, Wis. He attended church at Raymond Schrocks'. He arrived Fri. eve. and left Mon. p.m. for home by bus.

Mrs. Robert Shrock

SOUTH DAYTON, NEW YORK

Jan. 3--Milder weather again and sun is out bright this morn.

I am gaining now and can be up more and also walk around some now.

Measles are still scattered around the settlement and also heard that some have the whooping cough.

Born to Pete A. Millers a son.

Published to be married are Mosie B. Shetler and Lizzie E. Miller.

On New Year's eve. my nieces and husbands were here, Danny D. Millers and Eli J. Shetlers. Dannys want to move tomorrow to their future home in Norwich, Ont. to the home place where he does the farming.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

LOWVILLE, NEW YORK

The story following comes from Alex's mother: A very special baby came to bless the Reinford home on Feb. 23, 1989. Alex MurRay was born with a birth defect called arthrogryposis. He had severe clubed feet, a disclosed hip and contractures of 3 fingers. Since he was born at home, we started massaging his feet, legs and fingers soon after birth. After 1 week we started casting his feet weekly, Each Thur. Dr. Cady from Syracuse, a pediatric-orthopedic surgeon, would cast his feet and each Wed. we would take them off and massage his feet again.

We took Alex to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for deep muscle therapy at 2 mo., which really relaxed the tight muscles around his chest and shoulders. He's very bright, responsive and cheerful, but arthrogryposis causes the muscles to shorten, or not grow, and if not corrected they will pull the bones crooked permanently.

At 6 mo. we went to Alberta, Canada for 5 weeks for massage treatments from a Hutterite, Annie Mandel. His feet greatly improved from the treatment.

Since we don't have insurance of any kind for religious reasons, Dr. Cady consented to do traction for Alex's hip at home. He was in traction for 2 weeks prior to surgery. Doing it in a home saved around $10,000 on the hospital bill. It was the first time Dr. Cady did home traction and Alex did so beautiful Dr. Cady said he wished all his children could have home traction.

Dec. 1, 1989 was Alex's surgery day. The x-ray showed his hip was down, but not quite in socket. The drs. came out of surgery 1½ hrs. early, all smiles. When they snipped the one little muscle in the groin, the hip popped into socket. They were so surprised. They never had to do major hip surgery like planned. We know God answered many prayers.

Alex has a body cast on now for 4 mo. His fingers are almost perfect and although his feet have really improved, they need more improvement before he can walk. He is now a bright energetic 11-month-old.

Do you know of any children or adults who have arthrogryposis? We would appreciate hearing from you.

Roy and Marian Reinford, Rt. 2, Box 77, Lowville, New York 13367. Phone 315-376-2763.

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Dec. 31--It started to rain last evening and it's still raining this p.m.

Church was at Wallace Miller's. Visitors were Marvin M. Millers from S.E. district. Had a small attendance with only 13 women, because of measles, so far only 2 of the Hostetler boys have them.

The county nurses were at 2 of the schools last Thurs. eve. and gave over 100 measle shots. Everyone that was born after 1957 was supposed to have one.

Forgot to mention last week that son Wally Jr. cut a tendon in his pointer finger and is off work for 2 weeks. He was changing saw teeth. He had it stitched at the W.C.A. hosp. in Jamestown.

Mrs. Dannie E. Hostetlers had surgery in the Corry hosp. on Fri. morn.

Jan. 1--A rather stormy day with wind and snow.

Dau. Mary & girls were here today. Her 3 handicapped girls are looking forward to going back to school again tomorrow after having vacation for a week. The public school bus picked up the Amish children and took them to school this past week even though the public school had vacation. We usually had to hire taxis.

The Wengards from Geauga & Noah Wengerds from here were guests at Atlee Wengard's today.

The Allen Bylers and their married children went to Geauga to his bro. Andy's today.

Church to be at John Weavers' next for Joe Schmuckers. Mrs. W. Troyer

PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK

Philadelphia Christian Fellowship

Dec. 28--We're still having cold weather though there are warmer spells once in awhile. At least 8 in. of snow around yet.

We had communion on the 17th. Sam P. from Pine Grove, Pa. had meetings from Thursday till Sunday morn. Walter Sommers preached in the evening. Mark Sommers accompanied his father. John L. was also present.

Keturah and Victor Martin have plans to fly to Paraguay with their Uncle Isaac Martins and a few others. They plan to be gone 3 weeks. Irene Martin from Ky. plans to take over the classroom responsibilities. Irene is Lloyd Martin's sister.

Born to Harvey Martins on Dec. 25, a son, named Jason.

Ervin Eshs left for Pa. today with Pete and Carol Biondollio. They want to be back for Sunday.

Philip and Susie Myers and son Daniel were gone over the weekend. They were at Pine Grove for Sunday morning.

Lloyds are expecting Clarence and Katherine Martin from Akron for Sat. They want to drop some bulk foods off and then head for BanCroft, Ont.

Esther Esh opened her home for those that wanted to sew on Tue. The sewing was dresses for Honduras, the children's home, mainly. We want to send them with a group going in February.

Harvey Martins

CROGHAN, N.Y.

Jan. 2--Temperatures are more moderate now. Dec. was the coldest month we ever had. Sunday's rain took the snow down a bit.

Our winter Bible school is over and Waterloo's will start this week. Our speakers were David Wadel, Harold Good, Glenn Sensenig, Noah Rudolph and Lynn Martin. One speaker, Daniel Binkley, did not make it.

Some late news from Nov. -- Earl Nolts and Melvin Zehrs went to Pa. after Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of their parents, Weaver N. Nolts. It was held at the Fairmount Rest Home. Their family includes 10 children, 68 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

On Nov. 26th, Mervin Myers visited with Eugene and Sonya Zehr (their dau.). Eugenes visited family and friends over Christmas in Penn. for family gatherings.

Ralph Yutzys, Plain City, Ohio, visited at their dau. Andrew Zehrs' from Dec. 4-15. Most of that time Ralphs spent at Melvin Zehrs' installing and varnishing the kitchen cupboards he made for them. Melvins have added onto their house this fall and changed the kitchen around.

Dec. 25--Clarence Goods and Lynette Nolt left for Numidia Bible School. Clarences are helping in the administrative work for 6 weeks. Lynette is a cook for the first time.

Dale Weavers were in Pa. the other week for a family gathering and also brought back their dau. Karen, who was helping at Jim Nolts' near Bethel Cong., Pa. for several weeks.

Milford Lyndakers of Va. and Arthur Lyndakers of Ohio visited their folks, Ednor Lyndakers, over Christmas. Ednor's dau. Barbara has left with Miriam Weaver, Pa. to work at the bakery at Scurry, Texas. They plan to stay one year.

Sylvester Pierces visited son Daniel Pierces a few days last week. Mary Alice is recovering from a short hospital stay.

On Dec. 31 several were missing at church, either sick or visiting. Dennis Martins and Mike Lyndakers both visited their families in Pa. Shirley & Joanne Lyndaker returned home in the afternoon from taking Barbara to Pa. to catch her ride to Texas.

Yvonne Strite and Brenda Witmer are students for the first term at Carbon Hill Bible School. Lewis Strites took them out.

Ronnie & Sandra Hess have returned from their trip and are living in a trailer near Walter Hess's. Ronnies plan to leave this Fri. for Canada. They need to work at getting papers for Sandra to live in U.S.A.

Mrs. Larry Zehr

SENECA FALLS, N.Y.

Waterloo Mennonite

Dec. 28--Our school students will long remember the 21st. It was a day of tragedy for the Ronnie Rasmussen family, when their dairy barn burst into flames and was a total loss in a very short time. Twenty-eight milking cows were lost in the fire besides hay and many hours of work at improving the building.

The barn stood a few hundred feet from the house in which Glenn Aukers live. Erla Auker called her husband, Glenn, our upper grades teacher, to tell him. He rushed over to Christian Rasmussen's room, the teacher for grades 4-6, to tell him and both teachers left hurriedly with all their boy students, but there really wasn't anything they could do. Unfortunately, Glenn forgot about a ditch and tore a muscle in his leg so that he had to use crutches for a few days.

The students found it impossible to concentrate after that. They could see the fire from the school, so school was dismissed early. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Abe Krahns had the entire Myer family over the Christmas holidays. Most arrived Sat. and a few stayed for Christmas Day. Their guests included Glenn Myers, David Myers and Terry Gerbers from Ontario, Mark Myers and Wilmer Myers from Pa. Judy said she served 149 meals in all.

Leon Martin, Danville, Pa., preached at Waterloo on Christmas morn. He came alone due to illness in the family. Mel Kurtzes, Carl Nolts, Ivan Zehrs. Glenn Aukers, Jeffrey Witmers, Dorcas Martin and we all visited relatives over Christmas.

Jeff & Sylvia were happy to learn when they visited the doctor on Thurs. that what they thought was a new infection around the halo screws was not an infection at all, but normal skin separation due to the screw insertion. Jeff had x-rays done again also. The doctor gave them another cervical collar as an extra precautionary method for traveling. The biggest inconvenience about their trip was to sleep in a different bed. They stayed at Eugene Sensenigs'. They and we attended a Weaver family dinner at my parents', Ivan Weavers, on Sat. They were also at a Martin gathering on Sun. and at her parents', Aaron Sensenigs, on Christmas Day.

On Tues. the Witmers had a dinner at Reamstown School. All of Marvin's brothers and sisters were there with their entire families except Phoebe's husband, Richard Thompson, and dau. Karen. All of Ruth E. Witmer's 16 great-grandchildren were there.

We spent our nights with Bob Kreiders, Jonestown, Pa. We and they visited Rene Riveras on Christmas eve. Rene is recovering from a stroke and has gone through some intensive physical therapy. His strong determination has stood him in good stead during the past weeks of slow recovery.

They recently moved into their new house.

On Sun. we had meals at Marvin Groffs' and at Earl Gehmans'. Mel Kurtzes were at Eby Burkholders' and Lewis Groffs'.

Larry Martins went to Pa. for New Year's weekend. Susan's family were together at Aaron & Sylvia Hurst's on Sun., and Larry's family at Roy & Jane Weaver's on Mon.

Ivan Zehrs were at Croghan with his family for Christmas Day and drove through a snowstorm on their way home.

Clifford Weaver and James Burkholder visited Larry Fuiguera at Wallkill Correctional Center, Wallkill, N.Y.

Ivan Zimmermans went to Pa. for the weekend, too, and had car trouble already at Corning, so John David took him in his van.

Curvin Sensenig (11) took the wrong kind of jump on New Year's Day and fractured a bone in his foot. He'll need to be off it 3 weeks.

Mrs. Marvin Witmer

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Jan. 5--Snow is gradually leaving. Sunday church is to be at Levi Miller Jrs'.

Levi Miller Srs., the writer and husband and son Paul attended the Hershberger-Miller wedding in Dela. last week, which happened to be on our 39th anniversary. We and son Paul returned home Monday, traveling via bus. Son Paul had gone down for Christmas already. Levi Millers expected to return home on Tuesday.

The writer and husband and daughter Sarah spent Christmas day at Ira Yoders' (sis. Christina) in LeRaysville, Pa.

David and Mattie Hershberger stayed here with daughter Sarah while we went to Dela.

Andy Stutzmans and David Hershbergers expected to leave on Wednesday for Milroy, Ind. to visit homefolks.

Mrs. Noah S. Byler

CATO, NEW YORK

Jan. 4--We're having a Jan. thaw, with temps. above freezing. The freezing rain we had Sun. put a glass-like crust on top of the snow. One of our boys found that out when his sled broke through the crust halfway down the hill, cutting his face and mouth quite bad.

John and Lizzie Horst and daus. were to Pa. the 23rd to attend the funeral of Lester Brubacher, 16-year-old son of Allen and Edna Brubacher.

Jason, son of Allen and Sandra Martin, was admitted to the hospital last week a few days. He had trouble breathing and was put on oxygen. They were afraid his lung might collapse, but he seems to be o.k. again. Their family had been to Pa. over Christmas.

Visitors at Pleasant Ridge Sun. were John and Alta Nolt and family. John Sauder, Paul Martin and Melvin High conducted services. The visiting minister at Fayette was Raymond Zimmermans and family of Perry Co., Pa. Marvin Hursts were to Pa. for a Shirk gathering.

Our family and Robert Hornings visited Moses Shirks Sun. p.m. Others there were Clarence Martin Jrs., Marvin N. Martins, Marvin Witmers and John David Zimmermans. Melvin Martins were also in Pa. for a Martin gathering held at Clarence Horsts'.

Aaron Eugene Wises, Leon Weilers, Melvin Martins, Lester Wise and Mervin Hursts traveled together yesterday to Pa. to attend the funeral of their Uncle Isaac Hurst. Marvin Hursts viewed the body and visited with the widow and family Tues. before starting home, so didn't attend the funeral.

The young people were at singing school Sat. eve. and at a candlelight supper at Leroy and Susan Martin's Sun. eve. Skating at John Sensenigs' last eve.

Last Wed. eve. there were 2 barn fires in the neighborhood of Aaron Eugene Wises. Aaron was the first one to notice the one burning, when he went out to check a cow. The other one was noticed by Carl Martin coming home from work. Arson is suspected in both fires.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

DEWITTVILLE, N.Y.

Jan. 4--Has been nice and sunny the last few days making the snow disappear.

Rudy J. Yoders of Friendship came to John K. Bylers Sat. morn. They then received word of the death of Mrs. Barbara Detweiler and returned home accompanied by Johns to attend the funeral Sun. Johns had plans to come home last night.

Born to Manass and Fannie Lee, a son Simon Dec. 20. Grandparents are John Lees and Mrs. Mary Kempf of Ohio.

To Amos and Mary Byler, a dau. No. 2 named Nancy. Grandparents are Jonathan C. Bylers and John M. Bylers. The great-grandparents are Andy J. and Amos J. Bylers. Step-great-greats are Mrs. Amanda Hostetler of Sparty and Mrs. Lovina Byler of Lawrence.

Mrs. Wallie C. Byler was in church Sun. but not very good. Was feeling some better yesterday morn.

Church and singing at Levi Shetlers'; at Mose W. Bylers' next.

Eli, 21, son of John K. Bylers, found out a saw can cut fingers just as good as wood. The tip of one had to be taken off and another stitched at the emergency room.

Saloma J. Byler

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Jan. 3--It was warmer last weekend with some rain.

An unwelcome visitor is making the rounds and the name is stomach flu. It stopped here this week with 5 out of us 7 sick on Tues. morning. We all felt better today. On Tues. about half of the school children were absent on account of this visitor, but Jonas said they were all back on Wed., except 4. It hit Sam Girods last week, with only the Mr. and Mrs. and 2 out of their 8 children attending church at Valentine Bylers' on Sun.

My husband and I and son Jonas were also absent, we went to the funeral of Mrs. Barbara Detweiler in the Belfast area instead.

Visitors at Valentines' for supper and the singing, were Roy Stutzmans and the young folks. Church is to be there again on Jan. 14th for Jonas Yoders.

Our 2 oldest boys went to the livestock sale last Mon., with the cattle hauler for this area. That was one of our stormy days. On their way home they started up Tucker Hill Rd., which has a long steep hill at that end. They had about 10 heifers in the trailer (he has a pickup and a trailer), and were parts ways up, when the driver saw he couldn't make it and started backing down to the bottom. All of a sudden they slid toward the side of the road with a deep drop off. I guess that was a scary experience and our 2 boys were almost ready to jump out when the driver got his vehicles straightened out again. They made it safely to the bottom, then called the man who was getting 8 heifers to bring his tractor down to help pull them up to his farm. When they finally got home they unloaded the 2 heifers they bought and one seemed wild and took off through all the snow down through our field towards Sams'. There were 5 out chasing her down and took about an hour till they caught her and had her safely in the barn.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Jan. 1--Today we have to start writing 1990 which will take a little time to get used to. The month of Dec. goes down as one of the coldest on record, with an average of below 0 every morning since the latter part of Nov.

There were only a very few mornings that it was above 0 all month. The coldest readings that I have heard of close around here were around 35° below.

A neighbor lady said she has trouble to get propane gas as they are sending a lot of the tanks to Fla. to help protect the citrus fruit orchards from freezing.

To Budget scribe Jacob J. Gingerich, does Tenn. still seem like spring or summer since you came home from your northern trip? I heard your milk cans froze so fast in you milk or water trough that you couldn't get them out, and the milkman didn't go for a whole week. Our milk haulers kept right on going up here, as far as I know, right thru the cold weather.

As far as I know the John E. Miller family are the only ones that got the measles so far up here. I did hear that 2 of my grandchildren that were in Oh. are exposed to them, too. We can consider us very lucky if they don't get further than these families. They were brought up here from Oh. in the first place.

Fuel oil and kerosene really went up since the steady cold weather has set in. So I expect the rich will get richer. Some are setting up woodstoves to help along, but wood will probably go up too.

Miss Mattie P. Hershberger came home with my sons-in-laws and children, the Eli J. Swartzentrubers since Christmas. Mattie attended a wedding in Oh. and got exposed to the measles so she stayed down there till she was over them.

Some of our local rabbit raisers were butchering rabbits to can or work away some way to get rid of them. Maybe they would make good bologna, too. I heard say the lady that was at the head of it is butchering a lot of hers, too. I still believe it is as I have often said, I never saw anyone get rich raising rabbits or dogs to sell.

I have a close neighbor with a small dog kennel, who raises registered Siberian huskies. He said himself there isn't any money in it, as it costs too much for feed and vet bills, and he gets some pretty fancy prices for his pups, at weaning age.

We see a lot of wild turkeys around at present in the fields looking for something to eat, wherever there are corn shocks still in the fields. They follow the fresh spread manure, too. If they can survive this extreme cold weather they must be tough. They seem to look healthy when you see them running and flying from one place to the other. They are nice to look at now, but I don't know how it will be later on if they keep on multiplying when the small grain gets ripe. So far we didn't see too much of them during the summer when the woods and swamps were green.

The ones making hickory rocking chairs have plenty orders. Most of the lumber for them doesn't cost so much if you can cut other people's brush for about nothing. Rudy S. Yoder

CATO, NEW YORK

Jan. 11--Most of our snow melted with the recent rains and mild weather. We're getting wet snow now, making roads slippery.

Wilmer's mother, Mrs. Verna Horning, came yest. with Jake Wises and is planning to stay till Sat. morn. She will be here Fri. supper and overnight. Will also be with James, Roberts and Carls part of the time.

Charlotte Martin, 11, (Ellis) broke her leg on Mon. while sledding at school. Due to swelling she got a cast on Tues. morn. and is going to school again.

A son, Delmar Lynn, was born to Marvin and Marlene Martin Jan. 10th. Grandparents are Marvin and Mabel Zimmerman and Edwin and Etta Martin. His sis. Loretta is planning to help out for a few weeks.

The visiting minister at Pleasant Ridge Sun. was Paul Martin of Pa. He traveled by himself, coming to his nephew Paul and Susie Martin's Sat. Albert and Arlene Martin were visitors also.

Some of the Melvin High family have seen a wolf behind their barn recently. We hadn't heard of any being in the area before.

David Sensenig (Hershey) demolished his car on Mon. morn. in Pa. while coming home to N.Y. when he fell asleep. Passengers Lowell Martin and Lorene and Lorraine Sensenig were not hurt. Mrs. Wilmer Horning

PRATTSBURG, N.Y.

Jan. 8--Mild weather the past two weeks.

Vic Delegranges, Chris Schwartzes & Jerry Wengards were visiting in the Norfolk area over Christmas.

Mose Schwartzes were also up in the Norfolk area over the weekend of Dec. 30 and attended church there.

Church was at our house yesterday. Visitors were Lester and Irene Gingerich from the Fillmore area. Church to be at Jerry Schwartz's the next two times.

Three families moved in this past year and there was one wedding. We have 11 families, 9 young folks and 26 scholars. Here is a new phone number to call in case of emergencies, such as death messages: Mike Zarneki 607-566-2797.

Harry D. Troyer

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Jan. 10--Continued spring-like weather, with temp. hanging around freezing in the mornings and around 40° during the daytime.

Guess I should correct a mistake in my last letter when it read, it was 80° below on my front porch. It should of said 20° below. I don't know if it was my mistkae or maybe some one punched the wrong number on the computer.

Born to John H. Millers' a dau. named Becky. Grands are Harvey E. Millers and Mrs. Mattie E. Yoder of here.

A son to Mahlon M. Swartzentrubers named Eli. Grands are Mose M. Swz. of here and John E. Millers of Ohio.

On Jan. 9th Ada, Mrs. John R. Yoder, entered the Governeur Hospital for surgery. As far as we know she is doing all right, and hopes to be released this week.

Wedding invitations were received this week from Kentucky for a wedding at Enos E. Shrocks', but I don't know of anyone leaving for the wedding.

The newlyweds, Enos M. Swartzentrubers, are building a house at Harold Coveys dairy farm to work for them for the time being.

Ice fisherman have been bringing some real nice bluegills and sunfish around lately, and are they good!

Rudy S. Yoder

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Jan. 10--Milder weather is with us. Our snow has been going fast the last while.

August Girods from Vevay, Ind. were visiting with their Uncle, the Ernest Girods and their married children here, from last Wed. eve. to Sat. morn.

Dau. Erma surprised us by coming home Fri. eve., so she'd be home for Alt Christ tag. She accompanied Lester and Irene back to Prattsburg Sat. eve. Lester and Irene came home Mon. morn., while Erma stayed with her school teaching duties there.

The Byler family had their Christmas get-together at Ben Girods' last Sun. All but Ernest Girod Jrs. (their dau.) from LeRaysville planned to be thhere.

Yesterday Ben Girods had a cornhusking for the young folks. They finished up that job for them by early p.m.

Last Fri. eve. we had a frightening experience when coming home from Johns (dau. Kathy). Three of our children and I came home with the driver Johns haad gotten to take me to their place for the day. Raymond and Erma were driving home with a horse and buggy and the dirt roads were icy in spots, so they had a time with the buggy sliding all over while going downhill. We came upon them, over the brow of a hill, with no room to pass and couldn't stop quick enough, so our driver took the ditch instead of hitting the buggy. He thought we would stop in the snowbank, but we did an almost 360° ending up with the back wheels in the snowbank. Our 2 boys and Irene were able to push us out on the road with the driver's help at the wheel and made it home safely.

Then on Sunday eve. Raymond was coming home from visiting the Byler boys, when his one driving line got stuck and couldn't guide his horse anymore. He hit the end of the guardrail bringing the buggy to an abrupt stop, with everything loose on the buggy flying forward. Raymond hit his forehead on the front breaking the glass, getting a bruise, also cutting and skinning the top of his nose and small cut on his lip. He still had the lines and stopped the horse, then unhitched and walked the horse home, a distance of about 2 miles. His face looked a mess when he got home, but after cleaning it up it didn't look so bad. He didn't need any stitches. He is nursing a sore nose and some headaches but seems to be healing o.k.

The menfolk here and Sam Girod are cutting wood to sell.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Jan. 5--There are patches of grass exposed now. Weather the past week has been mixed, with rain yesterday.

Church was at Jonas Burkholders'. Visitors were Judy J. Miller of Parkman, Ohio and Andy J. Millers, Melvin A. Miller and Eddy A. Yoders. There were many mothers and children missing due to flu and chicken pox. Also Raymond L. Miller and Spike Kuhnses were to church at Monroe Kuhnses' of Parkman, Ohio. Church is to be at Roy M. Troyers' Jan. 14th.

Calves and dairy cows are selling very high. After two stormy sale days in a row Kent's auction was overflowing Tues. with stock coming in till 9:00 p.m.

Dairy cows were up to $1510.00, dairy heifers $850.00, Hd bulls $500.00, Beef bulls $68.00, Beef cows $56.00, Beef heifers $58.00, Farm calves $1.76, 80 lbs. down $.85.

Mrs. Joe W. Bricker

SOUTH DAYTON, N.Y.

Jan. 10--Yesterday was the wedding of Mosie M. Shetler and Lizzie E. Miller. Witnesses were Melvin M. Shetler and Anna H. Shetler and Samuel E. Miller and Katie N. Detweiler.

Born to David and Verba Slabaugh a 5 lb. 9 oz. baby girl named Edna.

My bro. and wife, the Edward Gingerichs of Lucknow, Ont. visited us and others here over the weekend, leaving for home Tues. morning. They had also been to Path Valley and Union City, Pa.

We are looking for Elis home today and he will help work inside the office.

My strength is returning more and I can do a little work, but not too much yet.

I appreciated all the letters and greetings received during my illness.

Joe E. Miller church dist. is to be at Noah E. Gingerichs', Jan. 21, and Noah B. Detweiler's Dist. at their place for themselves this time, also on Jan. 21.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

SENECA FALLS, N.Y.

Waterloo Mennonite

Jan. 8--Ann Louise Zimmerman returned home on Jan. 2 from 3 months of service at West Willow Home, Pa. She had a special visitor yesterday from Hegins Valley, Pa., Gerald Champ. His brother Philip accompanied him. They came in time for church in the morning. Clifford Weaver preached. A number were missing due to illness: Ruby Weaver and 2 youngest children, Sharon Bender stayed home with daughter Delores, Mabel Zimmerman was home with Janet and Gilbert, and Edith Zimmerman with Jason and Daniel. Edith had to be hospitalized yesterday for treatment for her asthma. She was discharged on the 9th, not greatly improved, but stable on oral antibiotics. Rachel Zehr brought her home since husband Aaron was sick.

Jeffrey Witmers had company on Thurs. and Friday. Eugene Zehrs of Croghan visited them on Thurs., and newlyweds Ronnie and Sandra Hess on Friday. Ronnies are planning to spend some weeks in Canada due to the difficulty they are having to get immigration papers for Sandra to reside in N.Y.

I failed to mention in last week's letter that Isaac Ray Sensenigs spent Christmas in Pa. They visited her brother, the Clair Hurshs and her sister, the James Siegrists, his sister John Ebys, and also La Ray Martins, all in the Woodbury and Chambersburg area.

Our Winter Bible School began on Wed. eve., the 3rd. Elmer Martin, New Holland, Pa. was the speaker. On Fri. eve. Eby Burkholder, Ephrata, Pa. preached. His wife and 2 girls came along. They stayed at Mel Kurtzes' overnight.

Jan. 10 - By now most of our families have sick ones. Curvin and Christina Sensenig (Mark) and Joy Martin (Larry) are sick. The Rasmussens were sick most of last week. Ruby Weaver had fever, sore throat and a congested cough yesterday, then early this morning gave birth to Dorcas Faith, 8 lbs. 5 ozs., their 5th girl, sixth living child. Grandparents are Henry Weavers and Pauline Ressler.

The cost to fill our barns with veal calves seems to keep climbing. Average cost per calf (including trucking) reached $150 this time. They are not big calves either. Average weight is below 100 lbs. Thankfully, market price has stayed up, too, nearly $2.20 lb.

Mose Burkholders, Pa. had a literal shaking up when a drunken driver hit their van from behind right after they pulled out onto Rt. 422. Their van turned over completely and righted itself again, I believe. All 9 of them were taken by ambulance to the hospital, half of them to Reading and half to Lebanon. All were released again. The worst injury was Dianne's sprained ankle.

Mrs. Marvin Witmer

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Jan. 10--Weather isn't as cold as it was in Dec., but is getting colder and had some snow flurries.

On Sat. (Old Christmas) church was held at Bishop Ervin R. Millers'. To be at Levi J. Mullets' next time. Melvin J. Hershberger attended from N. church.

The chicken pox are in the area at present.

Alvin Farmwald isn't feeling very well lately and spends quite a bit of time in bed. Am sure mail would be appreciated. Address is: Rt. 1, Woodhull, N.Y. 14898. A singing had been planned for Sun. afternoon at Alvins'.

Dan's family all got together at his parents', Jesse M. Mullets', on Sun. for our Christmas gathering. Ben and John Coblentzes and families were there from Smicksburg, Pa. They came to Jesse's Sat. eve. and left for home Mon. morning. Mahlon Millers 4 children were the only missing ones.

Ellen B. Troyer is an overnight guest here with our girls. Samuel J. Mullet was here last night. Melvin J. Mullets were also here for supper last night.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Jan. 12--A near blizzard again today after a week or more of nice winter weather. Bare spots are again covered with a thick blanket of snow.

Church was at Ray Wengerds' Sun. for Crist A. Yoders. Visitors were Min. Allen Bylers and Dea. Uria Bender of West dist., Min. Crist Kauffmans, Min. Raymond L. Miller and Dea. Enos D. Millers of South dist. To be at Rays' again Jan. 21 for themselves.

Monroe Detweilers and family, Robert W. Millers, Leroy Benders and Andy E. Millers of Ohio were at David Detweilers' Dec. 30th for their Christmas get-together.

The writers, Marvin A. Millers were to Ohio the same day to Crist U. Bylers' for the Weaver get-together. Mel Weavers to Owen R. Millers' and Mrs. Ervin E.C. Miller and dau. Miriam and Mrs. Owen Bender were to their dau. and sister, the Andy A. Bylers. Also their grandfather Albert D. Miller in p.m.

Ray Miller and Elwin Kuhns attended church in Ferdie Miller's dist. in Ohio a week ago Sun. Going along were Crist A. Yoders to her folks, Joe J. Weavers and Robert Millers to her twin brother Chesters in Bloomfield, Ohio. Roberts stayed till Mon. eve. The rest came home Sun. eve.

Andy L. Stutzmans and David A. Hershbergers of Clyde, New York were at Raymond L. Millers for breakfast Jan. 3 on their way to Milroy, Indiana.

John Hostetlers of Spartansburg, Pa. were at Roy Troyers' from Sat. eve. till Mon. morn. this last weekend.

Our neighbors (Bob Phelps) dau. Nancy, 39, living in California died Jan. 3 of a heart attack. None of the family were to the funeral except a sister living in Little Valley. They are planning on having memorial services at the Community Church in Sherman on Sun.

There has been one case of measles so far in our church dist. The county nurse had gone door to door to vaccinate those who hadn't had shots previously. Also a clinic to vaccinate at Lakeview and Pineview Schools. Quite a few have or had measles in West dist.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Jan. 7--So far the weather in Jan. is milder with hardly any new snow. We thought Clymer is one of the coldest and snowiest place, but after reading *The Budget* this week, it's not the coldest. We live on a hill and so far this winter our coldest was -2°, although it was colder in the flats and lower areas. But we've had over 100" of snow according to one of our taxi drivers.

So far the measles have only struck one family and the county nurse thinks it will not spread as they got it in time.

There is a flu going around, with sore throats and aching bones. Dau. Clara, 12, was in bed the last 2 days with it.

Our neighbors, the Harold Tenpus, came home Fri. evening after 2 weeks in Calif.

When the 2 van loads from here went to Jasper, N.Y. in Oct. son-in-law Daniel Byler left a black double knit coat on the van, driven by Calvin Messinger. If someone took it off and doesn't know where it belongs, please let Daniel know. Mrs. W. Troyer

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Jan. 4--The weather has warmed up and the snow is going down pretty fast.

The 4 churches will be Jan. 6 instead of Jan. 7. Published last Sun. were Mose M. Shetler (Mose B.) and Lizzie E. Miller (Enos E.). Wedding to be Jan. 9.

Mose M. E. Yoder from Sugar Grove is working for Andy M. Yoders while they have the measles. They are about over them now.

Harvey M. Millers, Jacob M. Millers and children and Noah J. Shetler from Dunnville, Ky. were visiting around here from last Fri. till Tues. morning. Harveys attended church at Eli D. E. Millers' on Sun. Adam Rabers brought them here Sun. evening.

New births are a dau. Verna on Dec. 28 to John E. and Sarah J. (Miller) Miller. Grands are Eli H. Millers and John S. Millers.

A son Emanuel on Dec. 29 to Pete B. and Ada Y. (Miller). Grands are Abner Millers and Mrs. Sarah Miller.

A son on Dec. 30 to Albert and Esther (Kaufman) Lee. Grands are John Lees from Mayville and Noah Kaufmans.

A dau. Mattie on Jan. 1 to Dan D. and Arie (Slabaugh) Miller. Grands are Dan E. N. Millers and Dan Slabaughs.

Our school has been closed since last Thurs. on account of the measles. Mrs. Eli A. Byler was in the hosp. a few days. Mrs. Susie Wengard had a weak spell last Fri. evening. Menno Hershberger

NORFOLK, N.Y.

Jan. 11--Weather is very mild this week again, +25° - +35°.

I failed to mention in my last letter that Andrew, son of Freeman Kauffmans, hit and cut his chin on a stone while sled riding at Alvin Schmucker's on Jan. 1st. Ben Grabers from Grabill, Ind. were visiting there at the time and their driver took him to the hospital and had the gash sewed; it took five. More news I missed was that Rachel Ann Wickey rode along back to Mich. with the Quincy load for a short visit.

Mrs. Sue Wickey and dau. Marina returned from their trip, bringing back with them Rebecca and Verna Eicher (Elmer) from Berne, Ind. The sisters are visiting at the Alvin Hiltys' mainly and I believe Mervin took some time off from work.

The girls are planning to go home with Pete Z. when he gets back from taking Mrs. James Wickey to see her folks in New Haven, Ind.

Reuben Schmucker went along with Mrs. Wickey to his home in Reading, Mich. after visiting in this area several weeks. Ben Schwartz

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Jan. 12--Had high winds last night with lots of snow which made high drifts. The wind has died down, but snow is still coming thick and fast.

Wed. the milk truck slid from halfway up the drive at John Burkholders' while the driver was in the milkhouse. It crossed the road and went down over a 6-7 ft. bank into mud, with rear end up. Two big tow trucks were needed to get it back up. He intends to bring the hose up from the road when it's slick from now on.

Little Ruth (Jonas) Burkholder was wearing an eyepatch to keep the cornea from drying out, as the left side of her face was paralyzed. If there is no improvement in a few days she is to see a specialist. They fear it's Bell's palsy.

Seven of our children are having chicken pox, including 4 milkers. None are very sick.

A group of ladies of this church were to see the new baby, Willie, of Crist A. Bylers, Tuesday. He was born Dec. 26.

Returns of Kent's Sherman Auction: dairy cow $1,050; dairy heifer $400; Hd. bull $650; beef cow $.56; beef heifer $.68; steer $.70; farm return calves $1.80; heifer calves $1.40, 80 lbs. and smaller $.85.

Mrs. Joe W. Bricker

RANDOLPH, N.Y.

Jan. 10--We are having nice winter weather. Temp. in the 40s a few days.

A little girl was born to Levi J. & Lovina (Stutzman) Miller Jan. 3. Grands are Noah Kaufmans and Joas Miller. The baby was in Buffalo Hospital. It had trouble with the lungs. Viola Miller is great-grandmother, also John B. Shetlers from Ohio.

Yesterday was the wedding at Enos E. Millers' for Mose M. Shetler (Mose B.) and Lizzie E. Miller (Enos E.). Extras were Sam E. Miller & Katie N. Detweiler & Melvin M. Shetler and Anna H. Shetler. Hostlers were Mose E. Miller (Enos H.), Joni C. Miller and Willie N. Wengard.

There were strangers here for the wedding from Punxsy, Friendship & Sugar Grove. Mrs. Emma Miller from Friendship came along and did some visiting. Mrs. Uria (Susan) Yoder is around here too.

Elmer E. Millers from Mich. are around here visiting her parents, etc.

Mrs. Susie Wengard is losing out.

Mrs. Mary Hershberger & son Ray from Wi. are here visiting Mrs. Ben Hostetler.

Old Atlee J. Byler, age 78, died. He has not been feeling good. Their dau. & son-in-law, Menno Yoders, did not know that he does not feel good and sent his breakfast over and the children said he is not up yet, so they went over a little later to check on him. He was still in bed and life had fled. They don't know what caused his death. The funeral is to be Fri. morn. at 9 o'clock. He was the oldest member in our church dist. Almost 7 mos. ago their other grandfather died. They both lived in the same house at Menno Yoders.

A dau. born on Jan. 8 to David & Verba (Miller) Slabaugh. Grands are Andy A. Millers & Dan Slabaughs. Greats are Aden Masts from Fryburg, Andy Slabaughs, Elizabeth Miller & Ada Shetler. Great-great is Sam S. Mast from Fryburg. This baby is named Edna.

Joe M. Hershberger & his boys escaped a serious accident. They were cutting wood and the saw came off the mandrel and when it hit the gravel it went up in the air so quickly that they didn't see it go. They looked around for the saw, then they heard a noise and the saw came down on the shed roof and cut a hole in the roof. They were lucky that the saw didn't hit anybody.

Those that go ice fishing are doing pretty good. Menno Hershberger

SOUTH DAYTON, N.Y.

It's 50° this morn. and snow is melting fast.

A few in the school have started with the whooping cough so our Anna is exposed. She and the two prescholars haven't had it yet.

Jonas Burkholder's 17-month-old baby is in W.C.A. Hospital in Jamestown with whooping cough and measles and was in a coma, but came to again.

Mrs. Johnny R. Hershberger (Pete's Emma) was also in the hospital in critical condition with measles and pneumonia, but last reports are she was getting better and could maybe come home yesterday.

Mrs. Bennie J. Shetler was also quite sick with the measles and in the hospital 3 days.

Ab P. Miller was in the hospital when he had difficulty in breathing when he had the measles.

Menno E. Miller church will be at Enos I. Millers' on Jan. 28th and John M. Miller church will be at Mosie C. Millers', Jan. 28.

Mrs. Mosie Shetler

DEWITTVILLE, NEW YORK

Jan. 18--Temp. 40° this morn. and was 50° at bedtime last night.

Church and singing at Mose W. Bylers'. Visitors were Pre. David M. Bylers and son Wallie of Path Valley, Pa. Mrs. Wallie C. Byler is quite a bit better again and attended church.

Church at Mose S. Hostetlers' next.

Born to Sam N. and Lydia (Hostetler) Byler a son Jacob S. on Jan. 9th. Grandparents are John M. Bylers and Jacob M. Hostetler of Lawrence. Greats are Amos J. and Andy J. Byler also of Lawrence.

Saloma J. Byler

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Jan. 12--Winter is back in full force, after our week of nice weather. The big snow blower went tonight and that only goes when we have lots of snow. They didn't use it on the road for at least 4 yrs.

The school children came home from school at 2 o'clock because of bad weather.

Last Tues. evening we had the neighbors here and butchered 50 hens and the next evening we went to Dave Millers' and did 50 more. A man from Jamestown is selling them delivered for 60¢ ea. but you have to take 100 at a time.

Today is the funeral of Atlee Byler Sr. at Conewango and such a stormy day.

Our local paper said tonight that Mayville (18 miles north of here) had 162 in. of snow to date.

Jan. 13--It has snowed almost nonstop since Thurs. The snow plows and blowers just about can't keep up, altho the mail and paper go everyday.

Jan. 15--Church was at John Weavers' yest. The only visitor was Joe J. Fisher.

Son Marvin, 19, cut his hand and had to have quite a few stitches. He has to go back to the doctor tomorrow. He can not do his usual job in the pallet shop so he drove tow-motor part of the day.

I have heard of no new cases of measles so hopefully that's a worry of the past.

Dave Millers and Jake J. Bylers spent yest. in Sparty, having a belated Christmas due to measles. Mrs. W. Troyer

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Jan. 16--Our snow is almost all gone. Many people were reporting that our water level was below normal most of last year. We have had more snow then ususal. so the water level should be up. During the colder than usual month of December, I think our lowest temperatue was -4º. The southerners should come to warmer N.Y. State to get warm.

Church was at Levi Miller Jrs' on Jan. 7th. To be at Levi Yoders' on Jan. 21st and Feb. 4th. Absent from church on the 7th were the writer and daughter Sarah, David Hershbergers and Andy Stutzmans. Andy Stutzmans and David Hershbergers were in Milroy, Ind. They came home Jan. 9th.

Levi Millers and Bishop Noah Byler were to Dover, Delaware to a wedding.

Noahs were home a few days and are now in Marion, Kentucky.

Reuben Wagler left for home on Jan. 6th. Home for him is Milverton, Ont. Miriam Yoder went up to Milverton over the weekend of the 13th. Bob Snyder was the driver for both Reuben and Miriam.

On Thursday is the appointment for Aaron Miller's cystic fibrosis checkup in Rochester.

Our daughter Sarah had her eyes operated on on Tues., Jan. 9th. It will take 6 weeks to know if it's a success. She went in in the morning. By 12:00 we were supposed to be able to take her home. But all she wanted to do was sleep. She slept until after 3:00, but a lighter sleep. At 3:30 they took her I.V. out and we were able to take her home. She didn't keep her eyes open until the next morning. Mrs. John F. Coblentz

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Jan. 16--Our spring like weather turned to colder again over the weekend and some more snow. Temp. dropped to 0 and below.

The measles scare is past now for here. Ada, Mrs. John R. Yoder, didn't get to come home from the hospital like they hoped, last week. They left her come home Sunday evening then but has to go back again today (Tuesday) to see how she is coming along. Is mostly in bed yet.

The writer got 2 nice northern pike given to him last evening from a neighbor, but I gave one of them to Mose M. Miller. One ice fisherman said the ice is as much as 30 inches thick in places, but mostly from 16 to 18 in.

Frolics were being held to fill ice houses the last while with some real nice ice in blocks as much as 16 inches thick. Still the swamps weren't frozen hard enough to work on with satisfaction. There seemed to be hardly any water under the ice this year as it was too dry last fall. The mud does not freeze too easy.

There is a flock of wild turkeys around close here (18) that come right up close to the buildings at times. Just a few miles further south much larger flocks are seen. The brush wolves or coyotes are heard a lot more lately, so I expect our rabbits will get thinned out again and maybe the deer too. The snow and cold weather brings the wild animals around more in search of food. The turkeys in the flock around here seem to be mostly hens. They are nice to look at now but I don't know how it will be next summer and fall when the crops get ripe, if those hens all multiply themselves by 4 or 6.

The Army jets (large 4-motored) are making their rounds around here again this morning. So far I can't see that they done anybody any harm except a little noise. They fly 2 at a time and are soon out of sight. The livestock on the outside don't seem to pay any attention to them.

North church is to be at Sam D. Millers' on the 18th. East at Dan J. Millers' again for Jacob J. Swartzentrubers' on the 21st. Rudy S. Yoder

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Jan. 19--Had lots of fog earlier this week, also rain. Snow is gone except where it was drifted deep.

Andy Lees have sold their home to Andy Keim and will move a trailer onto a farm on Fox Rd. north of Panama. They will go on shares. This is close to where Dan S. Yoders lived about 5 or 6 years ago.

The writers, Andy J.M., Marvin A. Millers and David M. Detweilers were to Ohio Jan. 6th. We had breakfast at John S. and Barbara Yoder's and spent the rest of the day at Andy's mother's, Mrs. John J. Miller and Ida. Dau. Rosa, the David R. Burkholders and Crist E. Fishers were also there. Also John Yoders in p.m.

Son Daniel (16) had a growth (papilloma) removed from his waist last Fri. that had been giving him lots of discomfort and pain lately, especially while at work (off bearing).

Two van loads were to the funeral home in Jamestown to view Leo Yager on Monday night. He was a former taxi driver till he lost his second leg (amputated) due to diabetes. He was getting his van ready to drive with hand controls when he had a stroke and slowly lost out.

Our best milk producer got into soybeans while we were in Ohio Dec. 30th, so we are canning beef this week. All vet and home remedies were to no avail.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK

Jan. 19--Colder weather has come after a January thaw.

Recently John Le Masurier and deaf son Aron took a brief trip to England (John's homeland) to see his father who has had 2 severe heart attacks.

Jan. 13, Loyal, Irvin and Justus Martin took a load of firewood to John who lives in Plattsburg.

Jan. 16, Lloyd, Mary Ann and the 2 youngest went to visit him, taking a load of hay. He has a stone from his kidneys to be removed.

Visitors in church Sun. were the Ervin Horst family and the Wayne Erb family from the Fairhaven Congregation.

Allan Knapp was down to help Harvey Martin one day last week.

School is going good for Irene Martin who is the substitute in place of Keturah Martin, who is in Paraguay enjoying the hottest summer weather. Bro. Victor is along too. Irene Martin is boarding with Lloyd Martins.

Wed. was a quilting for the sisters at Raymond Martins'. Lloyd Martins

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Jan. 18--Church for Jonas Yoders was at Valentine Bylers' last Sun. and is to be at John E. Millers' on Jan. 28th. It was my first time there since my surgery. It seemed much longer than 6 weeks since my last attendance.

Son Raymond went to Prattsburg Fri. p.m. with the driver who went after Erma, then went on to Norfolk, N.Y. with Danny and Esther M. Schwartz for the weekend. He came home on Mon. morning with the same driver who took Erma back to Prattsburg again.

I found out Sun. that the flu was still visiting last week at David Nissleys'. It hit their 2-yr.-old twins and their baby the same night, with Mom not feeling the best. Just found out that David Nissleys got stuck on a seasonal road on their way to church last Sun., breaking something on their buggy and the 2 horses in snow up to their stomach. A friend helped them get out and someone brought the Mrs. and some of the children on to church, while David fixed things up and got there sometime later.

Yest. we had a full house of quilters and they quilted faster than they talked - regardless what some men like to say of such gatherings.

Those coming from Belfast to help were: Mrs. Daniel J., Jacob D. and Samuel M. Mast, Mrs. Abe D. and David A. Troyer and baby, Mrs. Urie M. and Enos S. Yoder, Mrs. Ben K. and Harvey E. Byler, Mrs. Jake Detweiler and Mrs. Eli Hostetler. From around here were Mrs. Johnny Byler, Mrs. Sam E. Girod and 2 children, Mrs. Jonas D. Yoder, dau. Kathy and 2 children.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Jan. 17--We are having our Jan. thaw. The snow is leaving fast.

Mose M.E. Yoder (Monroe) from Sugar Grove and Mary Kurtz (Em.) got published Sun. Wedding to be Jan. 25th.

Marie Shetler (Mrs. Ben) was in the hospital with the measles and Mrs. John R. Hershberger (Emma) was in the hospital with measles and pneumonia. Susan, about 1½ yrs. old, has the measles and whooping cough. She had to cough so much Sun. eve. that she quit breathing so they did mouth to mouth resuscitation. Then she went in a coma. They took her to the hospital and she came to again the next morn.

There were people here from Mich., Pa. and Ohio for the funeral of Atlee Byler, age 78 and 1 mo. Preaching by Enos Yoder from Union City and John Raber with the freundschaft and Mose Stutzman and Em. Y. Miller in the other part of the house.

Menno Hershberger

RENSSELAER FALLS NEW YORK

Jan. 20--Mild winter weather. We had one morning down to 3 above so far in Jan. Snow is all gone again and a few ice patches left.

East church is at Dannie J. Millers' for Jacob J.S. South at Dan J. Gingerichs', both tomorrow. East at Sam D. Millers' in a week. Old Levi Shetler wasn't in gma since Oct. 1, although he is fairly good for his age. Still does his own cooking and most of his housekeeping. He was 89 in Oct.

Mose Swartzentrubers are cutting logs for a new barn on their farm on Dollar Rd. where their son Johns live.

Milk price has gone up a little, but still has a long ways to go to catch up with other cheese plants. It would probably be easier if he had more milk. Springing heifers are still high, with some selling well over $1000.

E. Swartzentruber

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Jan. 18--Rained steady since yesterday p.m. and snow is all gone.

Sunday morn. temp. was -18°. Church was at Dan Wengerds' and is to be at James Wickey in 2 weeks. Visitors were 3 youngfolks, Dan and Esther Schwartz from Prattsburg, N.Y. and Raymond Gingerich from Fillmore, N.Y.

Belated news is that Dan and Barbara Schmucker and sons went with Peter Z. last week also when he took Mrs. James Wickey to Ind. They stayed out at Dan's folks in Reading, Mi. for a week while Peter brought back Mrs. Wickey and dau. Rachel Ann Sunday morning. He took the Eicher sisters from Berne, Ind. back home. Going with them from here were Mervin and Rachel Hilty, Mervin and Rachel and Dan Schmuckers. All returned this Tuesday evening.

Peter Z. is scheduled to pick up Mrs. Sue Wickey for Linesville, Pa. and Martha Graber and our teacher Christena Wickey for Prattsburg, N.Y. Rachel Ann and Marina Wickey are the substitute teachers.

For the past month, people on this road don't sleep much after 5:00 a.m. as the big dump trucks start going. There are 6 different companies and several independent operators hauling sand from back in off this road to a new 80-store mall site, east of Massena on Rt. 37.

Joe Wickey Jr. is working for me the past month. We are cutting the firewood ahead of the huge payloader. He takes 3 scoops per truck and figures it 20 yards. Joe Eicher is also cutting his firewood on the ridge.

Ben Schwartz

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Jan. 26--Snow is coming down fast. Got a short but heavy cloudburst with strong wind last night at dusk. The driver could hardly keep the van in the road in places, bringing the girls home from the come-as-you-are birthday surprise for Laura (Jonas) Burkholder.

Linda (Bill) Burkholder is expected home from Corry Hosp. today or tomorrow. She was in I.C.U. at first, having gotten caught in rolls in her father's pallet shop Tuesday. Her arm is badly bruised and pulled from the socket at the shoulder and ribs broken.

Andy S. Lee has bought cows and is on shares with Abers in Panama. They are selling their home to Andy Keim, but will continue living there for the time being.

John Bricker is also buying cows to go on shares with Ed Person at Clymer Center. They are buying the trailer home of Spike Kuhn's to move there. They hope to rent out their home for the present.

The co. nurse was here yest. to warn us that one of our children is exposed to measles. Also, that if any of a family start, none will be allowed in school until two weeks after the last one's contagious period. Mrs. Joe W. Bricker

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Jasper Area

Jan. 19--Church services to be held at Mahlon Millers' on 28th.

Sylvia M. Hershberger was able to be in church Sun. for the first time since Sept. She is improving and was able to accompany her folks', Melvin Hershbergers' and also Aaron to Fredericktown, Ohio on Tues. They want to visit their son Wallaces and spend a day or so at Mayville, Ohio to visit a bro. Milo and wife.

Bish. Ervin Miller and Jonas Shrocks and baby were to Ashland, Ohio last Thurs. to attend Jonas' grandmother's funeral, Mrs. Jonas Keim.

We came home from town Wed. p.m. to find we missed my folks, Eli Millers, of Troutville, Pa. that day. Bro. Joes were also along and spent the day at his folks', Alvin Farmwalds'. Dad is using a cane to help along since his sttroke the 7th of Jan. They had dinner at sister Ada's, the John Hershbergers, and also visited Alvin's in p.m.

The flying dentist was thru here Sat. p.m. and quite a few got impressions taken for dentures and some also got teeth pulled. Mrs. Jonas Miller

CATO, NEW YORK

Jan. 25--We're having spring-like weather. Only a few patches of snow around.

Jan. 14--Visitors at Fayette were Jonas and Edith Zimmerman of Pa. They came with a portable roaster and spent a few days roasting soybeans for farmers in the area.

On the 21st, Dea. Ray and Nancy Zimmerman and family of Pa. were visitors at Pleasant Ridge. They had Sun. dinner with the Irvin Zimmerman family. Melvin Highs were to Pa. for the weekend. Mabel's mother, Mrs. William Martin, suffered a light stroke recently and her bro. James' wife, Arlene, was very low, suffering from a brain tumor. She passed away a day or so later. Melvins made another trip to Pa. to attend the funeral today.

Last Fri. John Sensenig had a frolic to tear off the roof from an old chicken house. They put up trusses and put on a new roof to convert it to a shop.

Daryl Hurst (Mervin) lost control of his car on a slippery road Sat. eve. and hit a tree. Passengers in the car were John Horning (David) and Henry and Harvey Brubacker (Isaac) of Pa. Daryl and Harvey were taken to the hospital where they were treated and released. They were on their way to a pizza supper at Lloyd Zimmermans'.

Singing was at Mervin Hursts' Sun. eve., last week singing school Sat. eve. and a singing here Sun. eve.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

PRATTSBURG, N.Y.

Jan. 22--Our Jan. has been very mild so far.

Danny and Esther Schwartz were visiting in the Norfolk area over the weekend of Jan. 14. Also traveling along with them was Raymond Gingerich of Fillmore.

A load from Norfolk was visiting in the area on Jan. 18, leaving for Linesville, Pa. the next morn. On the load were Sue Wickey, Christine Wickey, Martha Graber and Naomi Wengard.

Jerry Schwartzes have now moved up out of the cellar into the first floor of their new house.

Church was at Jerry Schwartzes' yesterday. To be there again on Feb. 4. Visitors were Lester and Erma Gingerich from the Fillmore area.

Harry D. Troyer

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Jan. 23--We are having mild winter weather so far this year.

Sunday church was at Levi Yoders'. Visitors attending were Dan Shrocks and 6 children from Albion, N.Y. Those missing in church were Bish. Noah S. Bylers and Reuben and Andy Coblentz.

Dads, the Bish. Noah S. Bylers, left for Gradyville, Ky. 2 weeks ago today, traveling via bus to attend the Yoder-Miller wedding there on Jan. 11th. From there on Jan. 12th they headed for Marion, Ky. where they bought a piece of land just across the road from Willie Millers, my sis. Alta, and plans are to lay blocks for a shop before returning home.

Levi Miller Srs., the Johnny Coblentz family and Levi and Mary Stutzman expect to leave Sat. for Clymer, N.Y. and spend Sunday there, returning home Sunday evening after the singing.

Miss Sarah Byler

SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

Waterloo Mennonite

Jan. 16--Feels like spring here with temperatures in the 40's and sun shining. Some are still victims of the flu. Sylvia Witmer taught Mon. and Tues. for Dorcas Martin.

Last week's Bible school speakers were Stanley Heisey, Washington Boro, Pa. and Isaac K. Sensenig, Ephrata. Isaac and Ruth stayed in the area until Sun. with their son, Ray Sensenigs. They had meals at Ivan Zehrs' and Abe Krahns'. Abes also had Rays and Harlan Martins for Sun. dinner. Other visitors at church were Elvin and Linda Reiff and son and their van driver. Isaac brought the message.

Edith Zimmerman was back in church on Sun. She has been using a breathing machine at home since she was discharged from the hospital on Tues.

The past week was a busy one for the John L. Zimmermans. Ann Louise was helping out at Clifford Weavers' and on Sun. she and Ernest, along with Todd Rasmussen and Vernon Zimmerman left for a term at Numidia Bible School.

Jan. 24--Yesterday Ivan Zimmermans and John Zimmermans visited the children at Numidia. Karen Rasmussen accompanied them.

This eve. our ministry from here will go to a ministers' meeting at Rehrersburg Church.

Abe Krahns' company over the past weekend was the Delfred Weber family from Ontario.

James Newswanger from the Danville Church preached for us Sun. morn. and eve. Joe and Lois Keener and 2 children brought James. They were at Ray Sensenigs' for Sun. dinner and at Carl Nolts' for supper.

Jim Martins and 2 sons, Tamaqua, Pa. were our very welcome visitors. They and son Darrell and wife Rena came especially to lend a hand in our electric motor shop. Darrells were Jeffrey and Sylvia's overnight company. Jim taught the adult S.S. class.

Preachers at Winter Bible School this past week were John Sensenig, Lititz, Pa. and Henry Weaver, Robesonia, Pa. Harold Kurtz traveled with John. Henry brought his wife and 2 daughters, Jane and Charlene. They got their first peek at their new granddaughter and niece, Clifford's Dorcas. She was the center of attraction after Bible School on Wed. eve. She was 1 week old.

We heard the ambulance pass here on Sat. eve. and later learned that Mervin Hursts Daryl, 16, had hit a tree and suffered a concussion from it. He had 2 boys along from Pa. Roads were slippery due to a fresh snowfall.

We became aunt and uncle again when 6 lb. Erica Beth was born to Melvin and Miriam Sauder, Beavertown, Pa. Grandparents are Harold Sauders and Ruth Witmer. Erica is their second child. She has a brother, George.

Mrs. Marvin Witmer

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Jan. 25--Another mild week has gone by, it almost seems like our Dec. and Jan. weather switched around this year.

We were at son-in-law John Millers' for a turkey dinner Sun. Raymond and Irene stopped at Johnny Bylers' on their way home, inviting their 3 young folks here for the evening. Son Lester went to Prattsburg for the weekend and Erma was there, too.

1989 information for this area: 4 families moved in, making a total of 11, 4 babies were born, 2 boys and 2 girls. We only have 7 young folks and all from 2 families, besides these there are 48 children, all but 4 are schoolage or under. One new house at Johnny Bylers'. They are painting on the 1st floor, the time consuming work begins such as woodwork, floors, etc.

"The Lord wants our precious time, not our spare time."

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Jan. 21--We've nad as warm a Jan. as our Dec. was cold. Very few days that it went very far below freezing.

Church was at Levi Yoders' today. To be there again in 2 weeks. Absent were Noah Bylers and 2 of our sons. Noahs are in Marion, Kentucky. In the almost 10 yrs. that we've lived here, we never went on a trip that we missed church here that I can remember. Since our group is so small we felt it was in our place to be in church. Dan Shrocks from Albion, New York and 6 of their children were in church today. Dan read the first chapter and David Yoder read the second one.

Aaron Miller was to Rochester on Thursday for his cystic fibrosis checkup. He has been coughing quite a bit, so they changed his medicine. Six of us ladies went in with Aaron and his Mom and spent the day shopping.

A week ago Sat. John went to butcher a pig. After 13 bullets, the 14th finally dropped her. They chopped her skull open and it was 1½ in. thick and the brain was the size of an egg yolk.

Mrs. Elsie Stutzman was quite sick this last week. The dr. thinks she had strep throat. Mrs. John F. Coblentz

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Jan. 24--Temp. in the 40s and sun shining. We got about 6" of snow again.

Church was at Mose Stutzmans' for their son Dans and shall be at John A. Hershbergers' next.

Published Sun. are Roy J. Miller (Jacob J.) and Mary Hostetler (Mrs. Katie). Wedding Feb. 1st.

Crist E. Millers and Jacob J. Wengards were in Mich. over the weekend of the 14th. Crists came home and Jacobs went to Oh. from Mich. to visit his sis., Andy C. Yoders and others.

Enos E. Wingards were in Dunnville, Ky. over the weekend of the 14th and wanted to come home on Mon. night.

Adam J. Millers want to load their truck on Feb. 6 and leave on the 7th for their new home in Bremen, Oh.

Newborns are a dau. Anna on Jan. 16 to Andy J. and Miriam J. (Swartzentruber) Miller. Grands are Joe Swartzentrubers and John S. Millers.

A dau. Sarah on Jan. 20 to John J. and Fannie (Detweiler) Miller. Grands are Noah Detweilers and John S. Millers.

Henry R. Hershbergers also have a baby and don't know if it is a boy or girl.

John S. and Andy J. Millers had quite a time of it. Andy's wife was in the hosp. in Springville with a little girl, then Andy went in the hosp. in Jamestown with the measles. John's wife Edna was in bed with the measles that put Grandpa in a tight spot as chief cook and bottlewasher but he has an allergy so they have help now. He does not like to wash dishes. Sarah I. Miller and Noah L. Miller are helping out at Andys' and Johns' girls came home and helped Johns. They are improving the last we heard. We were there Sun. p.m.

Joe Hostetler (Josie) is in General Hosp. in Jamestown.

Monroe M. Yoders and dau. Gertrude came this morning from Sugargrove for the wedding tomorrow at Em. Kurtzes' Mom and Elma went over to help get ready.

Temp. went up to 50° today and the snow left pretty fast. The fields are pretty bare. Menno Hershberger

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Jan. 23--Weather has been mild the last while. Snow had all disappeared last week, then we got a clean cover of snow again on Saturday.

Church was held at Levi J. Mullets' on Sun. and to be at Melvin Kempfs' next time. Pre. Mahlon L. Miller attended from N. church. Were missing ones in church, including the writer on account of sick children. They have coughs and colds that are hard to get rid of. Mrs. Melvin J. Mullet had their 2 youngest to the dr. on Friday.

Melvin Hershbergers and son Aaron and dau. Sylvia had planned to come home tonight from their week's stay in Fredericktown, Ohio visiting their son Wallaces and family.

Little Ervin (3), son of Ben M. Troyers, had a painful accident last Fri. when he ran into a barbwire fence while playing. His cheek was cut real bad and was taken to emergency room. He had 14 stitches outside, besides stitched inside.

Jesse M. Mullets and Dan Byler were at Mahlon L. Millers' last Tues. to tear out partitions. Mahlon's Miriam and Esther were sick with chicken pox last week.

Dan's cousin Elmer Glicks of Geauga Co., Ohio are the parents of twins, Raymond and Ruthie.

Hillside View School had a lunch exchange last Thursday.

Jan. 24 - There was a meeting at N. schoolhouse last week one eve. to sell minerals for livestock. A man from B & J Mineral Co. from Ind. and Levi Lee from Atlantic, Pa. were there.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

SOUTH DAYTON, NY

Jan. 24--It's a mild, sunny morning. Most of the snow is gone.

Born to Johnny J. Millers on Jan. 20th a little girl named Sarah.

All the sick ones that were in the hosp. last week are home again. Yost P. Miller was also in a few days last week but is home again. He had a hard dose of measles.

Published to be married are Roy, son of Jake J. Millers and Mary, dau. of Mrs. Katie Hostetler.

Tomorrow will be the wedding of Mary E. Kurtz of this vicinity and Mose M. Yoder.

I got 2 scrapbooks while sick which were very interesting. One was from Noah Detweiler church dist. which dale we are in and the other from Mosie's cousin side up here.

I was to church Sun. at Bro. Noahs', the first time I was away since Nov. 16th. I can now do light housework.

Joe Miller church dist. is to be at Andy D. Slabaughs' Feb. 4 and Noah Detweiler dist. at Crist E. Millers, also on the same date.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Jan. 24--Was cold and stormy over Sunday. Seems it doesn't get cold enough since our thaw that it is safe to work on the swamps with horses.

East church is to be at Andy J. Millers' on the 4th. South at Dannie J. Gingerichs on the same date, again.

Noah M. Yoders' (Sam J. Yoders) son-in-law from Ky. were in East side church on Sunday. Quite a few young folks from North dist. attended, also Levi J. Shetler from South side.

Born to Levi J. Millers a baby daughter named Delila. Grandparents are John E. and Mose J. Millers, both from here. The big news is a son to Emery M. Hershbergers on the 18th. This divides their family even. One boy and one girl. This little fellow's sister is 12 years old already.

Andy J. Miller shot a coyote or brush wolf as some call them. Some even call them coy-dogs. He shot it with a high powered rifle. I heard say he was around 200 steps off and killed him on the spot.

Talking of coy-dogs, the game wardens say, or some of them do, that there isn't such a thing as a coy-dog. I would rather believe they are right.

Rachel, twin daughter of Eli J. Swartzentrubers, has been having a bout with what they think is her appendix. The writer wants to take up some supplies to help fight off an operation if possible. My grandfather, who is deceased a long time ago, used to be able to empty an appendix. I still remember of him being called on to do this years ago. It's a pity that someone didn't learn how to do it from him.

Ada, Mrs. John R. Yoder, seems to be gaining slowly but isn't at work much yet.

Rudy S. Yoder

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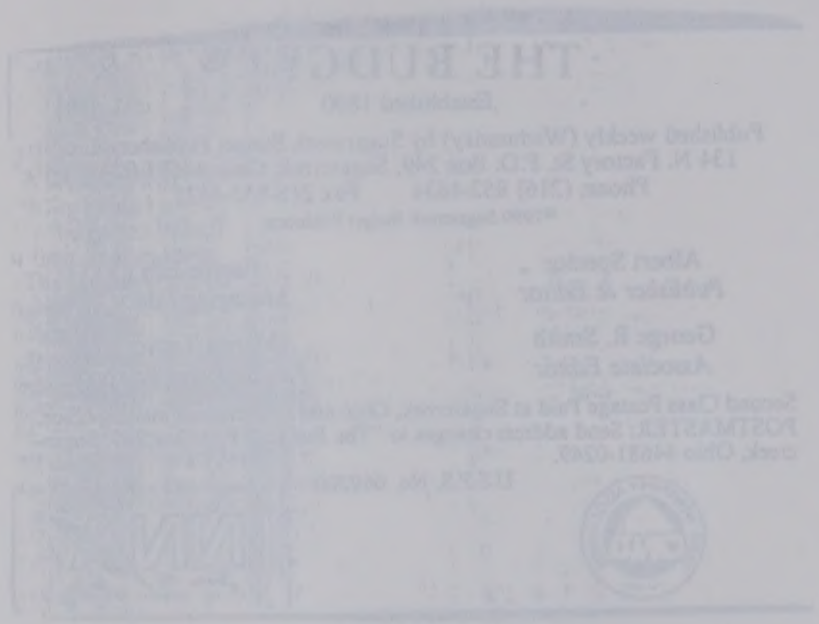

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Feb. 1--Another nice week except for Mon., when we got around 6 inches of snow.

Two of Sam Girods' girls were the only ones missing from church last Sun. at John E. Millers'. Church is to be there again on Feb. 11.

Mrs. John V. Byler hasn't been feeling well the last while, but can't seem to find the cause of it.

Will try to answer some questions here that I was asked about my gallbladder trouble. Seems I just can't get all the letters answered. I had some slight trouble about 15 yrs. ago, but it went away & didn't have any bother till 3 months prior to my surgery. The first attack was quite bad and it got worse real fast till I could hardly eat anything without getting sick.

I also have been wanting to write about son Lester's leg and foot in answer to some questions. He was born with a deformity from the knee down. The fibia (small) bone is missing in the leg and also the outside anklejoint. Over the years he lost a good 4 inches of growth in that leg, and also wore a brace to keep his foot in place. Since his surgery and leg stretching process starting in August of 1988, he gained a good 3 inches of length and doesn't need a brace. He has been back to work since last summer. The dr. had said it would be a good year, but Lester made good progress after he had his leg stretching frame removed on March 6, 1989. His ankle bothers him yet, so he is trying arch supports and an elastic ankle brace on it. He thinks it was worthwhile to have the leg work done.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

SENECA FALLS, N.Y.

Waterloo Mennonite

Jan. 30--We had our biggest snowfall for the season yesterday, 9-10" of a wet snow. But temperatures in the 40s will soon melt it.

Visitors at church on Sun. were Marvin's mother, Ruth E. Witmer, Stevens, Pa., Jay & Carol Auker & 3 children, Pa., Eugene & Suzanne Sensenig & dau., Newmanstown, Pa. and Martha & Jesse Myer, Martindale, Pa.

Martha & Jesse were Abe Krahn's visitors. We were glad to have them come for Sun. dinner. Jays were visiting his bro. Glenns and Eugenes, his sister, Jeff & Sylvia Witmer. All of the above arrived Fri. eve. already.

John David Zimmerman preached on Sun. morn. He was alone in the pulpit. Clifford Weavers were at Numidia for the Christian Service Program and Ray Sensenig preached at Crystal Light. Ronnie Rusmussen & children went with Cliffords to Numidia. Mel Kurtzes also went for the day.

Other visitors at church Sun. morn. were the Daniel Yutzy family, Milford, Del. Their purpose for coming was to do the plumbing in Ivan Zehr's new upstairs bathroom. Daniel is Rachel's bro.

On Jan. 19 our school had its first hot lunch for the year. Amanda, Thelma and Mabel Zimmerman served it.

Tonight we are looking forward to having John R. Martin, Ephrata, Pa. come to speak at prayer meeting. It will be a Sunday school promotional meeting.

Three weeks from today Jeffrey hopes to get his halo off. He has relatively no pain, at least if he doesn't do too much. He has been working full time the past 2 or 3 weeks.

Mrs. Marvin Witmer

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Jan. 28--Mild winter weather.

Church was at John Weavers' today. Visitors were Ervin W. Brickers and children from Geauga. Joe Bricker and Crist Detweilers from East dist. Church to be at Daniel Bylers' next.

Quite a few from here were either at the viewing or funeral of Alvin Byler Jr. of Mespo.

One of our local taxi drivers ran into Ernie Bender and smashed his front wheel. Ernie had a few bruises but nothing serious.

There were 18 babies born and 6 weddings in 1989. There are 60 some families and 3 church districts and 4 schools. 2 families moved in and 1 family moved out and another family moved out but later moved back again.

Mrs. W. Troyer

PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK

Philadelphia Christian Fellowship

Feb. 2--Weatherwise, it is quite mild. There is just enough snow to cover the ground. We even had some rain lately.

Irene Martin has left again for Pa. to be with her mother. Keturah and Victor are back again from their 3 wk. trip to Paraguay. Their faces were tanned enough to prove where they were.

Visitors on Sunday were a few of Ervin Horsts relatives. They accompanied Ervins to church here.

Lloyd Martins were to Bancroft, Ont. taking Irene along to visit her sister and family, the Milfred Martin. They took Martha Horst along also and stayed for the weekend.

Those of you that shop at "outgrown" shops be sure to check the coat pockets next time as one around here found $10 in a very reasonably priced coat!

Harvey Martins

LISBON, NEW YORK

Feb. 2--We are having warmer weather the last couple days.

We left here Wed. noon and didn't come back till last night. We went down to my parents' to help butcher hogs. They butchered one for us and 4 for them.

We are working here on a dairy farm. The owner has 2 farms and milks around 90 cows on each farm. He just has around 8 or 9 helpers, and the highest amount he pays his helpers is $8.00 an hour.

The way it sounds Jonas and Eli S. Millers and Fannie (Mose) Miller are going for Oh. to attend the wedding of Dan J. Stutzman from Can. and Ella H. Hostetler.

Born to Mose M. Swartz, a dau. named Rachel, their first child. Grands are Mose L. Swartz and Eli J. Swartz of here.

Born to Levi J. Millers, a dau. named Delila. Grands are John E. Millers and Mose J. Millers of here.

Church is to be at Sam D. Millers' for Eli R. Yoders, the 11th.

Mrs. John E. Mast

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Jan. 30--We have 10 inches of snow on the ground here. Started snowing yesterday afternoon and still is this morning. Temp. in the 30's.

Norwood-Norfolk and Massena Schools are closed for today.

Arriving home late last night were Dan and Clara Schmucker and son Nathan and Jake Graber. They were in Quincy, Michigan for a week. Their driver, Peter Z., said this morning it took 4 hours longer to make the trip on account of bad roads.

Sun. Church was at James Wickeys'. Is to be there again in 2 weeks. Their son James (4) fell down the last 5 steps of the basement stairway, bruising his back some.

Michael (1), son of Joe and Marie Wickey, has the chicken pox.

John B. Schwartz's arthritis had flared up again. He was to the dr. last week to get some medication, and is some better now.

The Hiltys

DEWITTVILLE, NEW YORK

Feb. 1--We got 4-5 inches of snow again Monday.

Church and singing at Mose S. Hostetlers'. There seems to be a flu around. Only a few cases of measles so far.

Yost Kurtzes and dau., Ada, attended the wedding of his sister in Conewango last week.

Saloma J. Byler

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Jan. 26--The ground is again covered with a blanket of snow. It had all been gone except in deeper recesses.

Church was at Ray Wengerds' Sunday. Visitors were Min. Raymond L. Miller and Min. Dan L. Troyer of South district. To be at Melvin A. Bylers', Feb. 4.

Marvin A. Miller got his arm into the rolls of the cut-off saw at work Mon. noon. His arm was swollen and purplish by Tuesday. Only a few scrapes and bruises otherwise. Linda (Bills) Burkholder wasn't so lucky Tues. morning when her glove also got caught. She is in Corry Hospital. Was in I.C.U. the first day or 2. Her first two ribs are broken, plus a bruised and swollen shoulder. She can come home as soon as she is off I.V.

Daughter No. 4 was born to Marvin and Mary Alice Miller Jan. 14 named Kathryn. Other grands are Owen and Ada Miller of Geauga. Greats are Mrs. John J. Miller (Mary), Dan M. Hostetlers, Mrs. Noah D. Miller and Melvin A. Miller. Great-great-grandma is Mrs. Levi Yoder (Lizzie); all of Geauga Co., Ohio.

Visiting at Marvin's Sun. (Jan. 21) were his parents, Owen Miller Jrs., Roy R. Burkholders and Marvin A. Wengerds, all of Ohio.

Feb. 2 - A load of youngfolks went to the viewing at Alvin A. Bylers' Fri. eve. in Mesopotamia, Ohio of their son who was killed in a car-buggy accident. Going were Danny, Rachel and Rebecca D. Troyer, John A. Yoder, Melvin M., Melvin E., Roy, Arlene, Ida A. and Wallace F. Miller, Crist C., Aden C., Susan S. and Lydia Ann S. Hostetler.

Going to the funeral on Sat. were Melvin A. Bylers, John J. Brickers, Andy S. Yoders and Reuben D. Troyer.

Visiting at Mrs. Leo. Yager's on Sat. afternoon were John A. Hostetlers, Bill Burkholders, Jake M., Andy J., Enos D. Millers, Mrs. Jonas Burkholder, Mrs. Roy M. Troyer and Walter Bricker, to reveal Leo's and Walter's secret pals of the past year; each couple taking a month.

Visiting in the area Sat. and Sun. were Levi and Eva Miller, John and Sarah F. Coblentz and sons Johnny and Levi, Levi and Mary (Lonnies) Stutzman. They were at the auction at Aden M. Yoders' in Sugargrove awhile in the afternoon, then picked up Raymond L. Millers and were all here for supper. John and Sarah were at Andy Lees' for the night, Levis and Mary at their son Raymonds' and the 3 boys here. They all attended church at Andy Lees'. The youngfolks to Joe Brickers' and the rest at Rays' for supper. George Tatman was driver and are all from Clyde, N.Y. area. Mary stayed till Tuesday.

Visiting at Raymonds' Tues. from the same area were Lonnie and Katiann Stutzman, Mrs. David (Miriam), Mrs. Levi (Edna) Yoder, Mrs. David (Mattie) Hershberger, Mrs. Levi (Eva) and Mrs. Levi Jr. Miller. Mary went home with this load and Mrs. Lonnie and Mrs. Levi (Eva) stayed till Wed., going home on the bus. Raymond Ella went along till Sunday. Raymonds' 2 scholars are staying at Enos Millers'.

Going to church in Ohio Sun. a week ago were Andy M. Millers, Henry Kauffmans and possibly more.

It's been raining the last two days and there's mud, mud, mud.

John Burkholder says all their children are down with measles but one.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

CATO, NEW YORK

Jan. 31--Yesterday we received 10 inches of wet snow. Temp. this morning was 12⁰.

John Sensenigs were to Pa. last week to attend the funeral of Freeland Sensenig.

The Aaron Eugene Wise family visited Conquest School last week one day. This week's visitors were Leon Goods, Sharon and Linda Martin, and Jeanette High.

Edwin and Etta Martin of Pa. were visiting their son Marvin Martins over the weekend. They took their dau. Loretta along home after being here 3 weeks helping out since the new baby's arrival. Marlene's mother Mabel (Mrs. Marvin Zimmerman) also came along and is staying there to help this week.

Wilmer Zimmerman (Lloyd) lost control of his car Sun. p.m., and after a somewhat wild ride ended up in the ditch facing the opposite direction. The top was smashed in against the headrests and he was very fortunate to walk away unhurt. Kerry Martin (Leon) also rolled his truck 2 wks. ago, receiving no injuries. He recently put roll bars on, which possibly helped protect him.

Our family attended singing school Sat. eve. at the old Fayette Church, now named Fingerlakes Fellowship Center. Leon Goods and John Horsts were also there. Teachers are Aaron and Lester Wise and Clarence Martin Sr. Melvin Highs had young people Sun. evening.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

SOUTH DAYTON, N.Y.

Jan. 31--We have around 3 inches of snow since Monday.

Mosie's bro. Atlee and wife Ann were here over the weekend so we took them visiting on Sat., to church Sun. at Mosie C. Millers'. Lewis W. Shetlers were also here for supper Mon. evening and we took them over to Emma's sis., the Lewis D. Shetlers. Atlees are from Norwich, Ont. and Lewises from Lucknow, Ont. Both had attended the wedding last Tuesday in Union City at Danny N. Stutzmans'.

Danny's parents, Noah D. Stutzmans were also there and were in this vicinity two nights and left for their home in Lucknow Friday.

Born to Eli N. Wengerds a daughter named Mary and also a dau. Lizzie to Jacob M. Hochstetlers. Both babies were born on Jan. 29th.

Our neighbors, John Hiltons, were hit by a car Mon. evening. The roads were very slippery. Their truck is a wreck, but they escaped with a gash to her arm and bruises. She had to have 14 stitches. The car was in the wrong.

Menno E. Miller church dist. is to be at Mrs. Saloma Millers. John M. Miller dist. at Sam D. Millers', both on Feb. 11.

Mrs. Noah Gingerich was to Norwich last week. Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Feb. 1--Got a fresh covering of snow at the beginning of the week.

Church is to be at Andy S. Yoders' on Feb. 11. Visitors in church at Andy S. Lee's were Levi S. Millers, Johnny F. Coblentzes and sons Levi and Johnny, and Mary and Levi L. Stutzman of Clyde, N.Y. The young people were here for the p.m. and eve.

Lonnie Stutzmans and some of their children also of Clyde were in this area Tues. They visited at their dau.'s, the Raymond L. Millers, also some were at school and the men at the sale barn. Ella left here for Clyde by bus yesterday.

Marvin Millers are moving to their new home on Upper Rd. in the West dist. this week.

The girls of this church visited at Bill Burkholder's Tue. eve. Linda is recovering well from her accident.

The baby of Enos Millers was taken to a hospital last night.

Mrs. Joe Bricker

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CATO, NEW YORK

Jan. 31 - Tuesday we received 10 inches of wet snow. Temp. this morning was 12°.

John Kennedy was to Pa. last week to attend the funeral of Preston Dolan.

The Aaron Eugene Wise family visited Congress School last week one day. This week's visitors were Larry Cook, Elaine and Linda Martin, and Jeanne Irish.

Edwin and Eva Martin of Pa. were visiting their son Marvin Martin over the weekend. They came that day. Leroy also lived after being here 2 weeks helping on since the new baby's arrival. Delaware's mother Mabel (Mrs. Marvin Zimmerman) also came along and is staying there to help this week.

Wallace Zimmerman (Leroy) lost control of his car Sun. eve., and also a mountain, with deer ended up in the ditch facing the opposite direction. The log was crushed in against the radiator and he was very fortunate to walk away unhurt. Leroy Martin (Leon) also rolled his truck 2 wks. ago, coming up hill. He recently got rid bad on ice, which possibly caused problem.

Our family attended singing school Sat. eve. at the 1st Peoples Church, now owned Pilgrimage Tabernacle. Cleon Leon Goode and Arlie Hamm were instructors. Teachers are Avery and Lewis Wise and Clarence Martin Jr. Melody Highs had plenty people for evening.

Mrs. Vernon Hensley

SOUTH DAYTON, N.Y.

Jan. 31--We have moved 3 inches of snow since Monday.

Mosely Bro. Allie and wife Ann were here over the weekend to we took them visiting on Sat., to church Sun. at Mosie C. Miller. Lewis W. Shetler were also here for supper Mon. evening and we took them over to Jimmy's in the Lewis D. Shetler, Allen are from Norwich, Oct. and Leaves from Louisiana, Oct. Both had attended the wedding last Tuesday in Union City at Danny N. Stutzman.

Danny's parents, Noah D. Stutzmans were also there and were in this vicinity two nights and left for their home in Louisiana Friday.

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Mrs. Noah Chupecks was in Norwich last week. Mrs. Menno J. Shetler

PANAMA, NEW YORK

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Church is to be at Andy S. Yoders on Feb. 11. Visitors to church on Sun. S. Lee's were Levi S. Millers, Johnny F. Chrisners and sons Levi and Johnny, and Mary and Levi E. Stutzman of Clyde, N.Y. The young people were here the p.m. and eve.

Leona Shrontz and some of their children also of Clyde were in the area Tues. They visited at their dau's, the Raymond L. Millers, also some were at school and the men at the sale barn. Ellie left here for Clyde by bus yesterday.

Marvin Millers are moving to their new home on Upper Rd. in the West dist. this week.

The girls of this church visited at Bill Bontrager's Tues. eve. Linda is recovering well from her accident.

The baby of Enos Millers was taken to a hospital last night.

Mrs. Joe Bontrager

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Feb. 1--Yesterday morning we had 15 degrees and around 6 in. of snow. People are putting up ice which is around 8 in. thick.

Today is the wedding at Mrs. Katie Hostetler's for their dau. Mary and Roy J. Miller (Jacob J.). It looks like they will have a nice day for it.

Belated news: We found out this week that Jonas N. Kaufmans have a little girl since sometime in Dec.

A girl, Nancy, born Jan. 24 to Jonas and Katie (Miller) Burkholder. Grands are Dan E.N. Millers and Eli Burkholders from Mich. Greats are Sam J. Masts.

A son Andy on Jan. 25 to Menno J.M. and Anna (Miller) Hershbergers. Grands are Joe M. Hershbergers and Andy A. Millers. Greats are Aden Masts from Fryburg and the writers. Great-greats are Sam S. Mast from Fryburg and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller.

A dau. Ada on Jan. 27th to John E. and Barbara (Yoder) Raber's. Grands are Eli N. Rabers and Eli Yoders. Greats are Noah Rabers and Sam Masts.

The extras at the wedd. last Thur. at Em. Kurtzes' were Noah D. Raber and Lizzie Kurtz and Dan J. Yoder and Anna M. Yoder from Sugar Grove. Hostlers were Harry Yoder, Steve Kurtz and Abe E. Raber.

The bus from Sugar Grove was late. It didn't show up so they called again and they said they thought it was on Fri. so they came and got to the wedding at 9:30.

Dan Rabers want to take their son Noah to the hospital to get a rupture fixed.

Sam S. Troyers want to move to Dunnville, Kentucky next week to make that their home. Joas D. Millers bought their place.

Jacob E. Wengerds have their place for sale. They have Kentucky fever too.

Menno Hershberger

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Jasper Area

Feb. 1--Rain is replacing the snow we got first of the week. Creeks are running high. Temp. has been close to 50° the past 3 days.

Church services at Mahlon Millers' Sun. with a full house. We were glad to see Alvin Farmwald fill his place once more. Attending from South dist. were Bish. Ervin Miller, Min. Jesse Mullets and all the Robert Raber families. Church to be at Mahlons' again next time.

Four of Mahlon's children had started with chicken pox Friday. Their Rosa (special child) also spent Wed. and Thurs. in the hosp. with dehydration and flu and now she also has the chicken pox.

Sat. a load of (Sadie) Ervin Millers were out with their dau. and sister, the Jonas Bylers. Enos Kauffmans of here were also there. They left for home again Sat. evening.

Fri. p.m. Andy W. Bylers left for Middlefield, Ohio to attend the funeral of her nephew, Alvin Byler Jr. They returned home Sat. evening. Andy Weavers and Edwin Hershberger helped out with milking while they were gone.

Levi Farmwalds have been back to shipping milk for awhile again. The milk prices are better.

Our thoughts are much with brother Enos and Ada Miller from Sparty, Pa. who are now in Rosewell Cancer Hospital at Buffalo, N.Y. We hope to go up Tues. and Wed. They feel they can help her kind of cancer.

Jonas Millers

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Jan. 30--The first month of the 90's about gone. Dec. was the coldest month that we have had since we live here, with continued cold now. Jan. was about the warmest, with only a very few days of really cold. We had about our heaviest snowfall yet this winter last night.

Eli and Jonas S. Millers intend to leave in the near future to attend a wedding in Medina Co. settlement at Harvey N. Hostetlers'. John Slabach and Andy J. Millers also have plans to leave soon for the same place to be at Albert J. Slabachs' retirement sale. Heard John E. Millers also intend to go along.

Born to Mosey M. Swartzentruber their first, a baby girl. Grands are Mose M. and Eli J. Swartzentrubers, both of here. Great-grands are Jonas S. Swartzentrubers from Lodi and the writer.

I received a death message of my last aunt on my mother's side, Mrs. Menno J. Bontrager (Fannie). She died at 92 yrs. of age.

Rudy S. Yoder

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Feb. 3--Hardly any snow. According to an old man by the name of Dunkirk Dave, we are supposed to have an early spring. He has been predicting the weather for 20 yrs. and is right 70% of the time.

The flu bug is visiting our house, with the Mr. being a victim. We had planned to go along to Clyde, N.Y. tomorrow with a load, but he decided he better stay at home.

Heard of another family having measles in this area, 7 or 8 of John Burkholders' children in Southeast dist. No more new cases in this dist.

Emery C. Millers and some of his boys were at Ervin Millers' last Wed. They ae from Smicksburg, Pa.

Andy and Martha Byler and boys are at Ervin Millers' for the weekend, having a belated Christmas gathering, due to Andys' children having whooping cough. Andys are from Geauga.

Today was moving day for Marvin and Martha Miller from Waites Corner Rd. to Clymer Hill Rd.

A local (non Amish) woman had a heart transplant in Pittsburgh, Pa. last Thurs. So Rudy and Dottie Burkholder bought a quilt from me and are selling raffle tickets and the money will go for her transplant. Heard she had only 2 hrs. notice before she was flown by Life Star to Pittsburgh. This woman's father is Fred Hessalink, which quite a few of us know.

Feb. 6--Going through Clymer last night we noticed some non-Amish have some pails up for sap. It is early for this area, but we are having ideal weather for sugaring.

Mrs. W. Troyer

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Feb. 4--A wintry Sunday! Roads were in such a state that it was hard pulling for the buggy horses.

Today church was at Levi H. Yoders'. Strangers were Andy Yoders, Joe Brickers and 3 daughters, Minister Christ Kaufman and Min. Raymond Millers from Clymer, N.Y. On Tuesday some women from here were down to Clymer to help Raymond Ella. Some of Raymond's children came home with that van load. Then on Wednesday Katie Ann Stutzman, Ella's mother and Ella came up by bus. Then Raymond and the rest of the children came up today to get Ella and the children. Two of Raymond's children broke out with the chicken pox while they were here.

Last Sunday, Dads (Levi Millers) the writer and hubby, 2 of our sons and Levi and Mary Stutzman were to Clymer. We got there about 1:00 on Sat. p.m. and started home Sunday night around 11:30. We attended church at Andy Lees' and were at Raymond Millers'. The young folks spent the evening at the Joe Bricker home.

The Clymer load got here a little late this morning. They had started out in good time, but due to winter roads it took them 6½ hours instead of the usual 5 hours.

Noah Bylers were home. They came home on Sat. night and plan to leave again on Thursday. They plan to have their auction on March 17th and want to move March 20th or 21st. That will leave only 9 families, and we want to load our trucks on March 27th to move to Clare, Michigan.

Mrs. John F. Coblentz

CROGHAN, NEW YORK

Feb. 6--It is warmer out this morning at 30º. Yesterday it was 0º. Feb. has colder temps. than Jan.

Ann Lyndaker, age 98, died Jan. 2 and the funeral was Jan. 5 at the Croghan Mennonite Church.

Jan. 21st Bishop Carl Sensenig preached in the a.m. and on Jan. 28th Isaac Ray Sensenig, Waterloo, N.Y. cong. preached in the morning.

On Feb. 2 Rosene and Mervin Nolt went along with Dennis Martens for the 2nd closing program at Numidia Bible School, Pa. Mervin stayed as a student and Rosene returned home with Dennises. Eugene and Sonya Zehr also went to the closing program and spent Fri. night at Carl Sensenigs'. Lynette Nolt is also a student at Numidia for 3rd term.

Clarence Goods returned home on Sat. from their 6-week stay at Numidia. Also returning home on Sat. was the van load from the 2nd term at Carbon Hill Bible School, Ohio. Those traveling were Lewis, Rhoda, Twila and Cristy Strite, Nevin and Noreen Nolt, Lois Alma and Kathy Hess and Alan Reinford.

Cottage meetings this month are planned for Jake Lehman, Croghan and [illegible] New Bremen for Wed. eve.

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Feb. 7--We are having nice weather. The snow is mostly gone.

Church was at John A. Hershbergers' Sun. where Bish. Henry A. and Pre. Raymond A. Hershbergers and Levi D. E. Millers and some youngfolks attended from other districts. It shall be at Andy Kaufmans' next.

A dau. Lizzie on Jan. 29 to Jacob M. and Anna (Miller) Hostetler. Grands are Mahlon Hostetlers from Union City and Mrs. Saloma Miller.

A dau. Mary on Jan. 29 to Eli N. Ada (Slabaugh) Wengerd. Grands are Dan Slabaughs and Noah J. Wengards. Greats are Mrs. Lizzie Miller from Ohio, Mrs. Ada Shetler and Andy Slabaughs.

A new case of measles again, John R. Hershberger, which probably exposed more people again as he was at the wedding at Mrs. Katie Hostetler's. At the same wedding Atlee J. Miller fell down the hay hole in the eve. while doing chores and cut a gash in the back of his head.

Menno E. Miller has 2 fingers bandaged up, results of getting them in the jointer.

Sam Troyers loaded their belongings on 2 trailers on Mon. to move to Dunnville, Kentucky. Dan Millers, Mrs. Harvey M. Miller, Mrs. Jacob M. Miller and 2 children came up from Kentucky to take the family. Dans went to Buffalo to visit his brother's wife who is sick with cancer, then came back early Tues. morn. to pick the rest up.

Son Mennos want to leave tonight for Erie to get the bus for Dunnville, Kentucky to do land shopping. They want to be gone around a week. Jacob C. Millers will do chores for them.

A record of this settlement for '89: There are 8 church districts; 13 schools; 67 babies born, 31 boys and 36 girls; 17 weddings; 2 funerals; 4 families moved out.

To John F. Glick from Gap, Pa. Levi Shetler from Utica, Minn. is 88 & they are both living yet. He married Ida Schweitert, a dau. of William and Anna Schweitert from North Dakota. The 3 Schweitert girls would have been Elizabeth, Louise and Amanda. Melvin, who died lately, was their brother.

Jacob L. Miller was driving a colt and there were 2 girls along the road. One laid in the ditch and the other hid behind a tree. When he got there they jumped out and waved their hands and scared the colt. It took off, tore a backhold and tipped the hack over and took off. Jacob hurt his wrist. I don't know if it is broken or not. Menno Hershberger

FILLMORE, N.Y.

Centerville Area

Feb. 7--Our Feb. weather has been nice so far, making a person think of getting the sugarbush tapped. The men are making sugaring wood and will have to go over the tubing lines before it will be ready to tap.

Our immediate family went to Prattsburg last Sat. to visit dau. Erma. The boys and Irene came home that p.m. to take care of the chores. M. Schwartz accompanied them and stayed till Mon. a.m. We stayed in Prattsburg over Sunday. Mose T. Schwartz went with us to Woodhull Sat. p.m. for a short visit at Alvin Farmwalds'. Dau. Erma also went along and visited at Eli E. Millers'. We also brought Ervin R. Miller and their dau. Anna along back that evening. On Mon. we visited a few hours at the school where Erma is teaching, before heading home.

I want to go help Kathy tomorrow, as they have church again on Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

ALBION, NEW YORK

Feb. 8--You can feel spring in the air. Is up to 50° this morn. The snow is melting fast. Our pond is up to normal again; the first time in two years. Raymond Shrock plowed a few acres in Jan. when it was warm.

A few Sundays ago Dan Schrocks and 6 of their children attended church in Clyde. The same weekend our family spent in Middlefield, Ohio visiting my parents and bro. and sisters. We came home Mon. eve. and then the next morn. Robert left with the same driver, Gary Brown of New Wilmington, Pa. for Ark. to deliver 2 diesels. From there they went north to Bonduel, Wisc. and dropped off a diesel and picked another one up. On the way home they stopped in Middlefield, Ohio and picked up our new surrey and brought it home.

Most of us here are having colds and sore throat. I am having my second dose already in a few weeks time. No one here contacted the measles, though they are among the public. The county nurse told us to keep the children at home and not even take them to the store if we don't want the measles. Mrs. Robert Shrock

PRATTSBURG, NEW YORK

Feb. 5--We did not have any zero weather in Jan. but we have 8" of snow at present.

Davey Shetlers attended a wedding in Cambridge Springs, Pa. on Jan. 9th.

Mose and Chris Schwartz, Jerry Wengard and Dave Vanderbosh attended an Amish farm sale in Sugar Grove, Pa. on Jan. 27th.

Bishop Joe Delegrange and Min. Dave Wengard from Norfolk were visiting in the area on Feb. 1. Jonas and Ruth Wengard had been in the settlement a few days already and returned home with them in the p.m.

The Ray Gingerich family from Fillmore were all visiting at teacher Erma's on Sat. Rays stayed over Sunday and attended church at Jerry Schwartzes' yesterday. Mose Schwartz and Ray Gingerich were visiting Alvin Farmwald from Woodhill on Sat. and brought Bish. Ervin Miller along back with them. Ervin also attended church yesterday, returning early this morning. Missing in church were Jerry Wengards, visiting in Norfolk and Danny Schwartz, visiting in Fillmore. Church is to be at Vic Delegranges' on Feb. 18th.

Harry D. Troyer

SOUTH DAYTON, NY

Feb. 6--Born to Emanuel and Lydia Ann L. Miller, a dau.

Lovina, dau. of Crist E. Millers, had an appointment to take out her tonsils today in Lakeshore Hosp.

Jacob A. Hertzler was scheduled today to have his tonsils removed in Hanover Hosp. Jacobs and baby and his father-in-laws, Eli E. Millers, left last Tues. for Norwich, Lucknow settlements to visit before his appointment. Jakes were also going to visit his uncle's family, the Jonas Hertzlers, in Lakeside, Ont.

A few of the girls and I visited with Esther N. Shetler Mon. p.m. She was sick with the flu last week so couldn't attend the wedding of Roy J. Miller and Mary B. Hostetler on Tues. Their witnesses were Johnny B. Hostetler and Mary J. Raber, Jeff J. Miller and Mary A. Raber.

Joe E. Miller church dist. is to be at Eli E. Miller Srs.' and Noah Detweiler dist. at Eli I. Millers', both on Feb. 18.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

HEUVELTON, N.Y.

Feb. 6--We had a heavy snow over the weekend and near zero temp., but has warmed up today to 40° above.

Wedding invitations were received from Kentucky at Dennis L. Zooks' for their daughter Lydian and Henry E. Miller from here. Those going for that wedding are 2 of Eli J. Millers' boys and maybe Mrs. Eli Iva, their son-in-laws Menno Masts and baby, Menno L. Zook, Amanda and Enos J. Yoder and bro. Joes children. I am also invited but guess I will let it pass by.

Those going for the weddings in Lod and Wayne Co., at Harvey N. Hostetlers and Jonas J. Swartzentrubers' are El and Jonas S. Millers with each 2 children, teacher Fannie M. Miller, Emma L. Shetler, Jacob J. Swartzentrubers and 2 children and Gideon J. Swartzentruber.

Sam J. Yoders left for the wedding at Levi J. Hostetlers in Medina Co.

John E. Millers also left for Medina Co., Ohio to visit relatives and be at the retirement sale at Albert J. Slabachs. Others intending to go later for the same sale, are John A. Slabachs, Andy J. Millers, and John J. Miller Jrs. John Jrs. also want to stay for the sale at Andy P. Yoders' there.

There are so many intending to go on vacation at the present time that it is a little bit hard for all of them to get chore boys and babysitters.

Son John and 2 oldest boys went down to Ben L. Shetlers' today to get a load of "Hickory Hecky" to make rocking chairs. Seems to me that is a good way to get your brush cut and still get a chair to boot.

East church was at Andy J.Millers' Sunday. Is to be at Mose E. Shetlers' on the 18th. South was at Dannie J. Gingeriches' for Joely D. Yoders. Is to be at Ben L. Shetlers' on the same date.

Menno E. Mast closed his furniture shop and they have hired out to a dairyman near DeKalb Jct.

Noah M. Yoders left for their Kentucky home yesterday after being around here a few weeks visiting.

The Fox Funeral Home (Ken Cole) has been delivering some death messages. Their phone number is 315-344-2322.

Rudy S. Yoder

RENSSELAER FALLS, N.Y.

Feb. 9--Mild weather continues. Still some snow and ice left from the snow we got a week ago.

Weddings and sales in Ohio seem to have a strong affect on this settlement right now. Among those that left and want to leave are John E., Jonas S., Eli S., Dan M., Andy J., all Millers, John Schlabach, Mahlon M., Jacob J.'s and Gideon J. Swartzentrubers and Emma L. Shetler. Gone for a wedding in Kentucky are Menno & Rudy E. Masts, Menno L. Zook, Jacob & John E. Miller, Enos Naomi & Amanda J. Yoder, Enos M. Swartzentrubers and possibly Eli J. Millers. All this should help keep Maud, knecht and Greyhound Bus Co. occupied.

Our granddau. at Mosie M. Swartzentrubers' has been named Rachel, born Jan. 27.

People keep asking why they can't find my Budget letters more regularly. There are several reasons. Some weeks there's no news and some weeks there's no mood. Then the other week I wrote one after midnight while I couldn't sleep. Next morning I left with the boys for the cedar bush. By the time I got back to the house the mail was gone and the letter found its way to the heating stove.

What does the word "up" really mean? First of all it means up, like "up towards the sky". But then we say a store was put up, opened up, lighted up, warmed up, cleaned up and closed up. We put up with ketchup, Seven-up and roundup. Motors are fired up, gassed up and charged up. Boats are speeded up, slowed up, tied up and laid up. We get hard up, held up or shook up. When we're mixed up we better hurry up and get straightened up or we'll never get caught up. If you thinkup other examples, don't call me up, "I'm up against, I give up."

E. Swartzentruber

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Clymer Community

Feb. 9--We've had spring-like weather the last few days with rain this morning. Temp. 50º. Horse farmers have started plowing and a few syrup makers are boiling sap.

Church was at Mel Bylers' Sun. Visitors were Atlee Wengerd (Bish.), West dist., Min. Andy M. Millers, Dea. Enos D. Miller and John Brickers, South dist. Is to be at Jake M. Millers' Feb. 18.

Min. Christ Kauffmans, Joe Brickers, Andy S. Yoders and M. Ray Miller and 2 daus. wereto Clyde N.Y. to church Sun. They didn't arrive till 10:30 because of icy roads. Mrs. Raymond and children came along home after visiting homefolks since Wed.

David L. and Sarah Miller from Oh. arrived at Melvin and Martha Byler's Fri. evening. Coming Sat. forenoon were Andy J. Bylers and Andy Jrs. and David Burkholders. Davids here and Andy Jrs. to Ervin E. C. Millers'. Andy Srs. had a call from home when they arrived at Andy M. Millers' that a dau. was sick from appendicitis so they went right back home along with the aforementioned Davids. Mel and Martha Byler and Roy M. Troyers also went along in and came home with Charlie Vaughn when he came out to get David Burkholders and Andy Jrs. Sun. evening.

Andy's bro. Eli and Eli Jr. surprised us when they stopped in on their way to the Sherman auction on Tues. Eli Jr. had 3 heifers and a bull along and was well pleased with the prices.

The mothers took hot lunch to Clearview School Tues. while their hubbys were at the sale. The writer was also invited.

Fannie (Lesters) Byler of Spartansburg, Pa. has been staying in the Bill Burkholder home lately and was also in church Sun.

The community was shocked this morning to learn Daniel and Amanda Byler lost their home in a fire last night. They were not at home at the time. A bro.-in-law, Marvin W. Miller, was going by in buggy when he saw there was fire inside and called the fire dept. By the time he returned the whole inside was burning. All they have is the clothes they had on, 2 lanterns and a stove, if reports are correct. We could see sparks and flames from our place, a distance of 7 or 8 miles, but didn't know the exact location. They have twins about 4 or 5 months old. Arson is suspected.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

CATO, NEW YORK

Feb. 8--Roads are dry but a lot of snow on the ground.

Visitors at Pleasant Ridge Sun. were Gary and Carol Zimmerman. They took his mother Mrs. Marvin Z. along home Mon. after a week's stay at her dau. Marlene and Marvin Martins'.

We had most of the young people and Leon Goods for Sun. dinner as a farewell for Dallas and Delphine Zimmerman (Alvin), who will be moving to Pa. around the first of March with their family. Taffy pull was at Marvin and Esther Martin's Sat. evening, and singing at Ellis and Grace Martin's Sun. evening.

Marvin Hursts and Melvin Highs traveled to Mahoning Co., Oh. Sat. and Sun. They visited Mrs. Luke Witmer, Dea. Arthur, Min. Norman and Wayne Van-Pelts and Bish. Lewis Steiners. Arthurs took them to visit her father Harry Showalter, who is 100 years old and remarkably well, although his hearing and sight is failing. He has composed around 25 songs in his older days and can still sing some quite well. In his 87th yr. he is quoted as asking someone "What can I do to prepare for old age?" The answer he got was to study the scriptures and memorize as many as he could. He did just that and is thankful for it.

Statistics for our community in 1989 were 14 births, 10 boyss and 4 girls; no deaths, 2 marriages, 7 boys and 7 girls received water baptism.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Feb. 7--Weather remains mild. Still some snow around.

Church was at Melvin Kemps' on Sun. with a small attendance. Edwin, Melvin and Martha M. Hershberger were there from North church. Church is to be at our place next.

Eli and Anna E. Miller are the parents of a new son named John since Feb. 1. He has 4 bros. and one sis. and weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Grandparents are Ira Yoders from LeRaysville, Pa. and Bish. Ervin R. Millers of here. Ervins' girls will be helping out.

My grandmother Mrs. Harvey J. Miller of Geauga Co., Oh. isn't very well. Some days she feels better again. Grandfather also wasn't too well.

Jake and Susan W. Miller of Smicksburg, Pa. are the parents of twin girls, Ella and Elmina. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 300, Dayton, Pa. 16222. Is always interesting to hear from people with twins since we also have twins (2 years old).

Bish. Ervin R. Miller spent the weekend in Prattsburg, N.Y.

Jonas J. Mullets and 4 youngest children spent the weekend in Guys Mills and Mercer, Pa. visiting Emma's mother, bros. and sisters. They were gone from Fri. till Mon. Their scholars didn't go along. Mary was here while their parents were away.

Mrs. Jonas Byler had her mother, sisters and in-laws at their place Sat. a week ago for their secret sis. Christmas exchange. They didn't draw names this year.

Levi Mullet is sawing out timber and Dans are getting the blocking lumber for pallets.

Rosa M. Miller (Mahlons) had 2 hosp. stays recently. One time she was dehydrating. They were hoping to bring her home last Sun.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Feb. 9--Sun. morning Raymond L. Miller, daus. Eva and Katieann, Crist J. Kauffman, Andy S. Yoders, we and daus. Lydiann, Elmina and Nancy, with Carol Rogers as driver, started for Clyde, N.Y. in the rain, which turned into snow in Mayville. Visibility and road conditions were so bad we probably would have come back home had Mrs. Raymond not been in Clyde wanting to come home with us. After 7 hrs. driving, stopping often to clear windows and wipers of ice and snow, we arrived at Levi Yoders' where church was at 10:40, in time for Crist to give the main sermon. We took Rts. 14A and 17 home then, with 2 hrs. less driving time, though more mileage. It had snowed very little here at home and was warmer.

There has been a big heavy lady entering Amish houses around here on some pretense or other, giving some of us scares. She was here Tue. night asking to have some sewing done and when she could bring her material. I unthinkingly told her we wouldn't be be at home Thurs. We helped butcher 4 pigs at Crist Bylers'. Soon after we were there there was talk about this lady and it was decided they were the same. So we phoned our neighbor to go and tell our dau. who was at home alone and sick to go stay with her sis.-in-law and to watch as they go back and forth. She wasn't seen, but last night Allen Bylers house, where their son Daniels live, burned down. The case is still being investigated. The lady was in that area shortly before the fire was noticed. It was then too far along to enter, but definitely did not start from either of their stoves. The contents of the basement were saved.

John Bricker, with Vic Kent, started to Canada this morning to bring home his dairy. He will be going back and forth from home until the owner moves out, instead of moving a trailer there. It's a 3 mile drive.

Eli J. Miller Sr. and Jr. were at the Sherman Auction Tue. from Troutville, Pa. They brought young cattle up to sell.

Mrs. Joe Bricker

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Feb. 12--A beautiful sunny day but cold.

The main topic in this area is about the house fire at Daniel Bylers' (dau. Amanda) on Thurs. evening between 9 & 9:30. They lost most of their belongings. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

That same evening there was a strange person in this neighborhood, stopped at 3 Amish places and the 4th Amish place would have been Daniels and they weren't at home.

Son Wally and son-in-law Dave Miller were coming home from the singing at John Weavers' and when they went by Daniels saw the fire and called Clymer fire department.

Daniels and us were at Enos Millers' for the evening and drove in at Daniels' when the main part was engulfed in flames. The firemen were at the scene.

The next day the police came and told us this woman, that was around the night before, was not a woman, but a man dressed as a woman. The police know who it is and said he is harmless as far as they know, but is not too bright (obviously).

Daniels did save their basement stuff such as canned goods, wash machine and a few clothes that were hanging on the line.

The people in the area, Amish and non-Amish, have been giving generously in food clothes and money.

Their twins are 5 months old and have gotten plenty of clothes sine the fire. They plan to live with us until they rebuild and already had the bulldozer there today and cleaned up and are ready to dig basement. They moved there last July. Allen Byler owns the place.

Daniels were supposed to have church at their house last Sat. but because of the fire, John Weavers had it.

Mrs. W. Troyer

DEWITTVILLE, NEW YORK

Feb. 15--We have a thin layer of snow which we got Tue. night. Some plowing done. John Hostetlers and 2 boys spent over last Sunday in Lawrence Co. with relatives.

Eli, son of John K. Bylers, is probably to be married to one of Noah Millers' girls in Sugar Grove, Pa. Have heard no wedding date yet on account of measles over there. So far only 1 family had them here. It's 2 weeks now our school was exposed.

Church and singing was at John K. Bylers'. At John M.'s next.

Dan E. Shetlers visited at Wallie C. Bylers' Sat.

Mrs. Wallie C. Byler is not so good again. Was in church Sun. till 10 a.m. when she got short of breath. Monday they had her to Westfield and to a hospital in Erie for tests, etc. Drs. seemed puzzled. She came home again in eve. Tues. she was put on insulin shots as her sugar was high and by yesterday was way down. She seems better this morn. and didn't have to take an insulin shot. They want to try and regulate it with pills.

To Mary Byler, try visiting N.Y. in summer. It isn't always brown.

They plan on having big doings in Mayville the next 2 weekends, having built an ice house (a house made of ice).

Saloma J. Byler

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Feb. 12--Weather was fairly mild this past week. Our snow is about all melted.

Leaving the area Tues. (Jan. 30th) with Pete Z. were Joe Delagrange, Dave Wengerd, Ruth and Jonie Wengerd and Mrs. Freeman Kauffman. Ruth and Jonie stayed in Prattsburg, N.Y. visiting friends and a sister and brothers, while the rest went on to Pa. All returned home Thurs. night (Feb. 1st).

Visitors in the area were Jerry and Edna Wengerd from Prattsburg, N.Y. They returned home Thurs. morn. (Feb. 8th).

Last Sun. night (Feb. 4th) the young folks were at Joe and Marie Wickey for a mystery supper. Somehow they managed to get some boys to help with the dishes afterwards.

Yesterday (Feb. 11th) church was at James Wickeys'. At night they treated everyone to a hay stack supper.

Those missing from church on account of flu were Dave and Bart Wickey and Mervin Hilty. John B Schwartz was able to attend again.

The Hilty

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Feb. 15--Church is to be at Henry Kauffmans' on Feb. 25. It was at Andy S. Yoders' with visitors from Parkman, Oh., Crist H. Fishers, Owen J. Millers and Susie, Joe A. Kauffmans, Andy E. Bylers, John J., Mrs. John Troyer and Leah Bricker. Also Eddy Yoders and children of the West dist. So we privileged with two special children for the day, Susie and little David Yoder. John Burkholders were all in church again, being over the measles.

Jake Troyer was with his sister's family, the Crist Bylers from Fri. night till Sun. p.m.

Wed. Walter D. Bricker and 4 of his children, Joe, Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. John Weaver of here and Ervin of Middlefield, Oh. were to near Smithville, Oh. for the funeral of Walter's cousin Jacob Horrisberger.

Enos D. Miller, Raymond L. Miller and son Joseph and Albert Bricker continued on to Holmes Co. to shop at various business places.

Crist A. Bylers and 3 youngest and dau. Nancy and I were dropped off in Geauga, Crists at his mother's, Mrs. Andy S. Byler's, till after dinner they too came to mother's. All of the sisters were there, also Mrs. Mose and Mrs. John, as well as bro. Monroe, Noah and Mose part-time.

Carol Rogers was again our driver and road conditions bad. Coming home we hit glare ice on Rt. 17 and after a few swings slowed to a crawl. From there on most of the trucks were pulled off to the side waiting for salt.

Schools are all closed in this area. It is still raining sometimes mixed with snow. Trees and so on have lost the coat of ice, but the ground still has a thin covering of white.

The "man-woman" is still around making this area Amish very uneasy. Authorities warn us "he-she" is armed and dangerous. Mrs. Joe Bricker

FILLMORE, N.Y.

Centerville Area

Feb. 14--Our mild weather is still with us. The men went over our tubing lines and want to tap the next nice warm day. They have been busy cutting sugarwood. Amos J. Byler was here to help with it today.

Church was at John E. Millers' last Sun. and is to be there again on Feb. 25.

Roy J. Byler is visiting in Marion, Ky. and our 3, Lester, Erma and Irene were missing, as they too are visiting with Ky. friends. They left last Fri. eve. with a driver from Prattsburg. Abe and Mary Troyer (Harrys) from that area also went along.

Mrs. Jonas D. Yoder left for Bertha, Minn. last Mon. from Fillmore on the bus, planning to meet her sister (Mrs. Ferdinand L. Miller from Clyde, N.Y.) in Rochester, then traveling together from there via bus, with hopes their brother Alvin Yoder Jr. would join them in Cleveland, Ohio. They want to visit their sister and family and take in the wedding there of their niece. Plans are to be back sometime Sat.

Valentine J. Byler made a trip to LeRaysville, Pa. on Monday. He is also getting ready to tap his sugarbush.

Feb. 15--We got a bit of snow through the night and are getting freezing rain right now. The school buses didn't go today.

Son-in-law John tapped last week and has made 10 gals. of syrup so far.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Clymer Area

Feb. 15--Rain all morning and freezing. No scools because of icy roads. Also no public transportation, so lots of courthouse workers and cleaning girls did not get to work today.

Andy M. and Andy J. Millers spent Fri. eve. in Guys Mills area at John Henry Schmuckers', Atlee Wengerds at Eli Troyers' and Crist Detweilers at his bro. Andys'.

Crist Detweilers and Melvin A. Byler were to church Sun. at Jim Gingerichs' in Harvey Kempf's dist. in Ohio, Crist A. Yoders to Eli S. Yoders' in Roman Troyer's dist. and the writers at (dau. Rosa) David Burkholders' north of Mespo, Ohio.

There was also a load from Ohio in South dist. at Andy S. Yoders'. Among them were Crist H. Fishers and Owen J. Millers. Assume Panama scribe will name them all.

The Daniel A. Bylers did not lose everything in their fire as we had been informed. They can use their cooking dishes and their canned goods are alright as far as I know. The Clymer scribe will probably give more details.

Suppose the measles have fizzled out, as no new outbreaks have been reported.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Feb. 12--I will try my best to get some belated news together, as Mom doesn't seem to get it done anymore! I guess they go away too often.

Church was at Levi Yoders' last, with Pre. Christ Kaufmann, Pre. Raymond L.Millers and 2 girls, Eva & Katie Ann, Joe Brickers and 3 girls, Lydia Ann, Elmina and Nancy and another couple whose names I don't know, attending from Clymer, N.Y. Coming late Sunday morn. on account of bad and slippery roads, they all returned home Sun. p.m. Church to be at Lonnie Stutzmans' next 2 times.

The Noah Bylers returned home on Feb. 2nd from their Ky. trip, now last Fri., Feb. 9th they left for Ky. again in hopes to build a shop and shed, all in one building, and have it ready to move into before coming home.

Susanna S. Troyer from Dela. was visitor in our house over Sun., coming up Thurs. night and leaving for home this afternoon (Monday).

Sun. eve. supper guests at Andy Stutzmans' were the Ferdie Millers, David Hershbergers, the young folks and Susanna Troyer from Dela.

We are having some mild winter weather and are cooking sap.

Feb. 13--The little son born on Feb. 4th to Willie & Alta Miller (Ky.) named Simon, now makes 9 boys for them and no girls! Dads now have 38 grandchildren.

Miss Sarah N. Byler

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Feb. 15--Temp. 58° on Tue., then snow on the ground again since Wed. Some people were plowing in our nice weather.

A dau. Rebecca born Feb. 5 to Em. L. and Lydiann (Hershberger) Miller. Grands are John S. Hershbergers and Levi D. Millers.

Levi I. Miller had better look his buggy over before he goes home Mon. mornings as he had the wrong buggy and he did not know it.

Menno E. Miller said his fingers were too long. He took the tips off sometime ago. He said they were still too long so he took the tips off of two again. He said they are short enough now. This happened with a jointer.

Harvey J. Shetlers are having public auction on Feb. 24 to sell farm and equipment and cattle to move to Bremen, Ohio.

Jacob A. Hertzlers want to move to Union City, Pa. in the near future.

Mose Stutzmans want to have public auction on March 3rd. Their son Johns will take over the farming. John wants to build a new barn yet this spring.

Menno Hershberger

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SENECA FALLS, N.Y.

Waterloo Mennonite

Feb. 12--On Feb. 6 Jeff made a doctor's appointment because the 2 front screws of his halo were loose. Depending on his activity he could feel them sliding against his skull. The doctor decided to take it off, even though it was 2 weeks earlier than planned. Now he has to wear a Philadelphia Collar, but can move his neck enough that he can drive.

Abe Krahns and Ann Louise Zimmerman went to visit Numidia Bible School on Fri.

Clifford Weaver also went to Numidia on Wed. for a meeting. Todd Rasmussen traveled with him. He will be working for Clyde Kreider shredding paper for bedding.

Ginger Rasmussen's uncle, Sam Di Nitto of Utica, N.Y., passed away last week after being ill several months. He was a twin brother to Ginger's father. She and Ronnie went to the viewing.

Elma Myer Kreider (Mrs. Mervin) passed away in a hospital in Paraguay on Sun. afternoon, the 11th. They had returned to Paraguay in June for their 2nd 2-yr. term and she has had various health problems since then including diabetes. At the time she died her lungs had filled with fluid. She also had viral pneumonia. It is an especially difficult time for her children who need to be so far away at this time.

Only one, David and his wife Rebecca and their children were there for a visit so were present when she died. Surviving are 5 sons, Robert, Jonestown; Mervin, Texas; David, Carl and Ray; and 3 daus., Norma, married to Melvin Weaver; Martha, married to Laban Zimmerman; and Ruth, married to Wayne Rudolph, all of Pa. The body was taken to La Montana to be buried the following day.

Yesterday our family traveled to Wellsboro, Pa. for a visit with Uncle Willis and Esther Martin and my Martin cousins. The day was doubly special because my parents, Ivan and Anna Mary Weaver, were there, too. We worshipped at Stoney Fork in the morn. Kenneth Martin preached. We were at Kenneth's for dinner. Other guests were my parents, John Martins and Richard Haltemans. We were at Uncle Willises' for supper and enjoyed seeing their new house which they moved into on Christmas Day.

Weekend visitors here were the Harry Gehmans, Myerstown, Pa., Jeff and Sylvia's guests and Tim Aukers, Glenn Auker's guests.

Mark Sensenigs were in Pa. the 3rd to the 5th. They were at Centerville Church on Sun. morn. and at Galen Hursts' for dinner.

Feb. 5th was our annual teachers' visitation day. All our teachers visited schools in Pa.

It is hard to believe that we had an accumulation of 16" of snow a little more than a week ago, as the ground is totally bare now. In answer to Mary Byler's (Charlotte, Md.) comments about our area being drab and colorless, it is beautiful to us because it is home. You should come back in the spring and visit some of our beautiful state parks along the lakes. Mrs. Marvin Witmer

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Feb. 22--A nice spring-like morn. Temp. at 40°. Very little snow around.

There are quite a few more measles cases again and some have whooping cough.

Church was at Andy Kaufmans' and shall be at Dan D. Millers' next.

To Mr. Troutville, you better get your proof reader jerked up a little as there is another Grandma to that little one at Enos Troyers'. It is Mrs. Mary Miller from around here.

The writer is kinda on the bum since Mon. We went over towards the other end of the settlement on Mon. to do some visiting and there was a cold wind going and I got too much of it and I have some breathing problems since.

Some scholars get a little tricky once in awhile. A boy caught a sparrow and took it along to school and put it in the teacher's lunch box. When she opened her lunch box the sparrow flew out. By the looks of the sparrow her cake was not too appetizing. Menno Hershberger

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Feb. 22--The boys tapped our sugarbush last Sat. and looks like we might have sap to boil by tonight or tomorrow. They've also cut some firewood to sell again and Sam Girod also keeps busy with that project. As time permits they are also working on getting out logs to saw up for our house remodeling.

We heard Valentine Byler put away 9 to 10 inch thick ice last Mon., but ours isn't that thick anymore. It has melted down to under 4 inches.

John Byler Rosie had a painful experience a wk. ago last Mon. while getting ready to do their washing. They heat their water on the cookstove and used a pressure cooker. They usually don't put the lid on tight, but it so happened to be this time, so they pulled it to the back of the stove and let it be till they thought it was o.k. to open. Rosie opened it and some water flew out and scalded her right arm quite bad. She had it bandaged and it's painful to use it a lot. Her left arm also got some, but not as bad.

This happened just a bit after Johnnys dau. Catherine left with her bro. Valentine the other Mon. for LeRaysville, Pa. to visit with her sister, the Ernest Girod Jrs. Catherine will come back on Mon., if plans hold out, as Emanuel and Ernest Girods, Johnny Bylers and David Nissleys want to go there for the weekend and will then bring her along back.

Our children got home from their Ky. trip last Sat. eve. about 7:00, also Jonas Yoder Verba got home Sat. eve.

Jonas Yoders were visitors at Emanuel and Ernest Girods' last Sun. At Sam Girods' were Johnny Bylers, Roy Stutzmans, John E. Millers and our family. Johns stayed at our place for the eve., so we had ice cream for Kathy's 24th birthday. Mrs. Ray Gingerich

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Clymer Area

Feb. 23--Rain the last two days. Is turning colder and snow and freezing temp. are predicted. Plowing is at a standstill.

Church was at Jake M. Millers' Sunday. Extras were Min. Chris Kauffman, Roy M. Troyers, Andy Lees, Elwin Kuhns and Reuben Millers. To be there again for their son Andys.

Chris Kauffman was taken to Erie Hamot or St. Vincents Hosp. by ambulance Mon. night with chest pains. He could come home again before morning. Doctors did not call it a heart attack.

Lester W. Bylers, Simon and Amos Lees of Spartansburg, Pa. were at Bill Burkholders' Thurs. eve. a week ago. Also Andy Lees of here. Bill's David got his index finger on the left hand cut off in front of the second knuckle last week. Is to keep his hand elevated.

Roy Troyers and Jonas Burkholders were to Ivan Millers' in Sparty, Pa. Mon. night. Roman Millers went along to Billy W. Bylers'.

Mrs. Andy S. Byler and dau. Martha, Joe A. Bylers and son, Mrs. Crist Burkholder and son, Mrs. Albert, Mrs. John A. Miller and son, William Bylers and fam. and John A. Bylers and son of Ohio were at Crist A. Bylers' on Tues. Mrs. John Byler came out Sun. and stayed at Mrs. Ervin E. C. Miller's till Tuesday. She went home with the above load.

The Will Gingerich women had ladies' day at Mel A. Bylers' on Wednesday. From Ohio were Mose J. Millers, Dan L. Millers, Bill J. Detweilers and 3 children, Ray Gingerichs and dau., Mrs. Simon Gingerich, Mrs. Daniel D. Wengerd and children, Mrs. Barbara Kauffman, Mrs. Dan, Mrs. Bill Gingerich and son, Mrs. Daniel N. Byler and dau., Mrs. Bob Hershberger and Mrs. Noah Detweiler Jr. and girls. Also John Brickers of here.

Mrs. Jake M. Miller had a quilting on Wed. to work on a quilt for Sherman Fire Department. She will also have quiltings next Tues. and Wednesday.

Robert Schrocks of Albion, N.Y. were in the area Monday. They made a stop at Enos Millers', but Nettie had gone to visit the school.

Ray Stutzmans of Middlefield, Ohio were out yest. to visit their former neighbor, Mrs. Elmer (Hallie) Miller. Also visited awhile at Andy M. Millers' and the writers' in the afternoon.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

BUDGET, FEB 28,1990 (WEDNESDAY)

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Feb. 22--A nice spring-like week
Temp. at 4P. Very little snow around.
There are quite a few more results
plans again and some have attempts
enough.

Church was at Andy Eastman' and
shall be at Dan D. Mather next.

To Mr. Trowells, you better get your
proof ready to a little as there is
another Creations in the little one at
Times Tribune. It is Mrs. Mary Miller
from around here.

The writer is likely on the floor area
After. We went over towards the outer
end of the extension on Main. In the
room waiting and there was a cold wind
going and I got too much of it and I have
some trouble in getting rid.

Some relation got a little dirty room
in awhile. A few people a morning and
took it along to school and got to be the
teacher's lunch box. When the opening
bar room for the new to flow out. By
the looking for the new version
too expecting. Thanks (illegible)

FULMORE, NEW YORK

Feb. 22--The town council met again
last his Sat. and found that we might
have up to 10 by to keep or discourage.
They've also cut some firewood to sell
again and Sam Cloud and Jerry Gray
with their repairs. At time they may
are also working on getting out logs to
saw up for our house a [illegible]

We heard Valentine Ellis on every 9
to 10 into Utah on last Mon., and once
last that time anymore. It not ended
down to under 4 inches.

John Lyon from Salt Lake City going
area a lot. Lyn on last Mon. early going
ready to do our worries. They have
their water on the [illegible] and once a
pressure cooker. They were not a lot
the to us only, but [illegible] to let
this time we were to [illegible] to
the stove and to close our [illegible] it
was o.k. to open. Also opened it and
some water flow was and cooked for
right and [illegible] and
and to prepare [illegible]
also got some for us too.

This happened and [illegible] Johnny
don Cuthrie to [illegible] with on his Valen-
tine the other Mon. for [illegible] Ex-
es visit with her sister, Mr. Evans [illegible]
Jr. Cuthrie will come later on Mon.
if plans hold out, as Evans and Evan
Cloud, Johnny Lyon and David Miller
went to go there for the weekend and
will then bring her along back.

Our children got home from their K.S.
trip last Sat. was about 700, also Jones
Valley Wards got home Sat. eve.

Jones Twins were visitors at Evans-
ton and Evans Church last Sun. At Sun
Church were Johnny Ray Evans,
mans, John E. Miller and our family.
John stayed at our place for the eve., so
we had ice cream for Kathy's 7th
birthday. Mrs. Ray Thomas

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Clipper Area

Feb. 22--Rain the last two days is
turning colder and snow and freezing
temp. are predicted. Plowing is at a
standstill.

Church was at Jake M. Miller' Sun-
day. Extra were Mrs. Cleo Kauffman,
Roy M. Travers, Andy Lapp, Elvin
Kraus and Reuben Miller. To be there
again for they are Andys.

Chris Kauffman was taken to Em-
manuel of St. Vincents Hosp. by ambu-
lance Mon. night with chest pains. He
could come home again before morning.
Doctors did not call it a heart attack.

Lester W. Sykes, Simon and Annie
Lees of Spartanburg, Pa. were at Jeff
Bontrager' Thurs. eve. a week ago.
Also Andy Lees of Penn. Billy Dave got
his index finger on the left hand caught in
front of the second [illegible] last week. It
is to keep his hand elevated.

Roy Travers and Jonas Beachleys
were to Ivan Miller' in Sperry, Pa. Mon.
night. Emma Millers went along to Roy
W. Sykes'.

Mrs. Andy S. Byler and son Marvin,
Jay A. Byler and son, Mrs. Cleo Bon-
nieuse and son, Mrs. Albert Yoder and
A. Miller and son, William Sykes and
Dan and Lena A. Byler and son of Cleo
were at Cleo A. Byler' on Tues. Mrs.
Joan Byler came on Sun. and stayed at
Mrs. Ervin E. C. Mellroy's til Tuesday.
She went home with the above load.

The W.S. Chapman women had
lunch' day at Mrs. A. Byler' on Wednes-
day. Those going were Mmes. L. Millers,
Dan L. Miller, Bill L. Detweiler and 3
children, Ray Chapman and son, Mrs.
Simon Chapman, Lyle Chapman, Mrs.
Jared and children, Mrs. Stephen Kauff-
man, Mrs. Dan Mrs. Bill Chapman and
son, Mrs. Daniel Y. Byler and son, Mrs.
Noah Hershberger and Mrs. Noah
Dunevitz in and girls. Also Jolen Bieck-
ers at last.

Mrs. Jake M. Miller had a quilting on
Wed. to work on a quilt for Shermans
Fire Department. She will also have
quilting next Tues. and Wednesday.

Robert Schmitz of Albion, N.Y. were
in the area Monday. They made a stop at
Elmos Millers', but Nellie had gone to
visit the school.

Ray Simmons of Middlefield, Ohio
were out here to visit their former
neighbor, Mrs. Elmer (Hattie) Miller.
Also visited awhile at Andy M. Millers'
and the writers' in the afternoon.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

CATO, NEW YORK

Feb. 15--Winter is back again. Received 5 in. of snow last night and sleet and rain today, putting a coat of ice on everything.

John Sauders and Raymond Nolts attended the funeral of their grandfather, Elmer Weaver, in Pa. last week.

Marvin Lee Hurst was at the hospital last Thurs. for a hernia operation and came home the same day. He's getting along o.k.; with orders to take it easy.

Kevin Martin had a scare last week when he was crimping corn and inhaled too much dust. He started getting tight and was rushed to the hosital by his father, Leon Martin. He came home later feeling very weak. He is using a dust mask since.

Min. Aaron and Florence Horning came to this area with Dea. Moses and Anna Martin on Sat. Moses were at son Henry and Elva Martin's and Aarons spent the night with her nephew David and Ellen Hoover. They were at Fayette, Aaron having the main sermon and to Raymond and Kathryn Nolt's for dinner. They took them to Paul and Susie Martin's in p.m., as they had other company too. Moses M.'s had Sun. dinner with Henrys, also our family, Leon Goods, Allen Hoovers and Allen Weilers. They were visitors at Pleasant Ridge.

Sis. Lucille, sis.-in-law Ruth Ann Horning and I and 9 children went to Pa. Fri. and Sat. to do some shopping and visiting. We had only gone a few miles when we hit a deer, only damaging the grill. It's the first time that happened to me, but has happened to others just recently. We took Ruth Ann to her parents', Paul and Mary Weaver's, whom she completely surprised by her arrival. We visited Mary and Annie Zimmerman of Farmersville and our cousins Rebecca, Mary and Annie Burkholder who live neighbors to our parents, Norman Highs. Rebecca recently had a bunion removed on her foot and is to stay off for a few weeks.

We went to the viewing of Moses Martin at Moses Jrs'. Fri. eve. Bro. Ivan Highs and all their family, Willis and Henry Martins and Bish. Abner Oberholtzers were there from Mo. Moses was buried at Groffdale Sat. morn. His widow Lizzie is not well and wasn't able to be there. The eve. before he died the children had all gathered around her bedside, as she had a seizure and wasn't responding. At midnight they went home when she seemed to be better. A few hrs. later they had a call from the hospital saying he is in critical condition. He passed away the next day.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

CASSADAGA, NEW YORK

Feb. 20--Nights are nippy; 15° this morning.

Saturday was the big moving day for Joe Torreses and Tony Balonas. They exchanged houses which are a mile apart on Barnum Road.

Tony Balona's brother Alex from Belize, who attends college in Binghamton, N.Y., visited here on the 11th.

There was a public meeting at the Cassadaga Fire Hall recently to discuss the many cases where people are falsely charged with child abuse. We arranged for some legislators to be present and many people in the crowd of 75 poured out their hurts. One old man said he used to take foster children and they became good boys. "The milker straps came in handy for spanking," he said. But nowadays you can be called a criminal for paddling, which is why Barbara Lyn is scheduled to go to court on Mar. 22 in the matter of her adopted son who is now in a boys' institution.

"If you're made of the right material, a hard fall will result in a high bounce."

Lydia Lapp

CATO, NEW YORK

Feb. 15—Wayne is back again. Received 5 in. of snow last night and plan to run today, putting a coat of ice on everything.

John Sanders and Raymond Wells attended the funeral of their grandfather, Elmer Weaver, in Pa. last week.

Marvin Lee Blunt was at the hospital last Thurs. for a hernia operation and came home the same day. He's getting along o.k.; with orders to stay in bed.

Kevin Martin had a sore throat last week when he was delivering corn and labored too much due. He started getting light and was routed to the hospital by his father, Leon Martin. He came home Saturday very weak. He is using a face mask now.

Mrs. Aaron and Florence Hensley came to this area with Chas. Wilson and Anna Martin on Sat. Debra went to see Henry and Elva Martin's and Aaron spent the night with his nephew David and Ellen Hoover. They weren't home. Aaron leaving the main reason and to Raymond and Evelyn Hess's for dinner. They took them to Coal and Store Martin's to pay, as they had other company too. Mom M's had Sun. dinner with Henry, also our family, Leon Goods, Allen Hoovers and Allen Wellers. They were visitors at Frances Ridge.

Sis. Lucille, de-to-tive Rash, Ann Fleming and Sandy Gibbons were to Pa. Fri. and Sat. to do some shopping and visiting. We had only gone a few miles when we hit a deer, only damaging the grill. It's the last time that happened to me, but not prepared to claim just recently. It's sure Rash Ann to my century. Paul and Mary Stevens's where the electricity supplied by the arrival. We visited Mary and them

CASSADAGA, NEW YORK

Feb. 20—Nights are nippy; 15° this morning.

Saturday was the big moving day for Jos Tornow and Tony Balzano. They exchanged houses which are a mile apart on Gannon Road.

Tony Balzano's brother, Alex from Dallas, who attends college in Binghamton, N.Y., visited here on the 11th.

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"If you're made of the right material, a kind act will result in a boy's manner."

Lydia Lamp

PANAMA, NEW YORK

Feb. 22--It started raining this morning. The thin sheet of ice which had frozen over the pond again is melting fast.

Two van loads of the Gingerich family were at their sister Melvin A. Bylers' yesterday. Dau. Lydiann went home to Geauga with them to attend the wedding of Amos Miller and Christina Kempf. She intends to come home with her sis. Leah, Saturday.

Our 2 daus., Elmina and Nancy, were with their cousin Ray E. Troyer in Guys Mills Sun. night when his buggy overturned, due to lights going out and an unruly horse. Nancy was knocked out for a bit and had chest pains and difficulty breathing, so it was feared for her bad heart. They are recovering well, though, with many groans and "Don't touch me" warnings. Their decorative markings will stay with them for awhile. The horse had two smaller tendons cut, which a vet sewed up. The buggy top was totaled.

Our boys, who helped with Allen Byler's house which was burned down, report there was lots of help, so block laying was nearly finished when they left yesterday.

Tues. at the auction barn, a bull, on a raging rampage, caused some scares, but also fun. He chased one fellow so he jumped a high gate like a young rooster, which he is not. One of the auctioneers, indignant at the delay in the ring, grabbed a cane and stomped out back to help, but instead did a quick about face and light footedly raced down the alley and jumped over the fence to safety.

There were 100 horses at Saturday's sale. Top draft team went for $3,100; standardbred $650.; killers up to $.60 a lb.

Tues. auction returns: dairy cow $1250; heifer $550; bulls $400; beef cows $.56; beef bulls $.62; beef heifer $.58; farm return calves $1.75; heifers $1.60; killer calves $.94; veal $1.10.

Mrs. Joe Bricker

CATO, NEW YORK

Feb. 22--Mild weather and rainy.

An early morn. fire on Mon. destroyed the implement shed and its contents on the Loren Martin farm. A faulty block heater was thought to have been the cause. High winds blowing in the direction of the barn threatened it, but firemen were able to save it. Lost in the fire were 2 tractors, baler, haybine, grinder-mixer, some hay and miscellaneous items.

Friends and neighbors got together the next day to clean up and lunch was served at Ellis Martins'. Those coming from Pa. were Larry and Elmer Martin Jr. and Marlin and Elmer High. Linda's parents, Melvin Martins, also came Tues. and stayed till Wed.

My nephew Jerry and Susan High and sons of Mo. spent last week with her sis. Lorraine and Walter Martin family. Her parents, John David Hubers of Mo. were also there. Walters had Lorraine's Martin cousins there Wed. for a shed raising. The women knotted a comfort.

Jerrys had planned to go home with her parents, but received word of the passing away of his grandmother Lizzie, wife of Moses Martin, who passed away a little over a week ago. They went to Pa. with Melvin and Mary Martin to attend the funeral Thurs.

Jerrys had Sun. dinner with Leon Goods. Our family visited them in the eve.

Mrs. Leon Good's visitors Wed. a.m. were Mrs. Marvin Witmer (Esther Mae), Mrs. Melvin Kurtz (Irene) and Mrs. Carl Sensenig (Noreen) of Pa. They are all in a foster and adoptive parents' circle letter.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

SOUTH DAYTON, N.Y.

Feb. 21--Emanuel N. Detweiler was admitted to the hospital Sat. eve. with severe stomach pains. He has had his appendix out so they were puzzled.

On Sat., Feb. 24, will be the auction sale at Harvey J. Shetlers', then on the 28th they want to move to Bremen, Ohio to make that their future home.

Levi Miller Jrs. and 3 girls from Lawrence Co., Pa. were in this vicinity for a week visiting his parents, the Levi D. Millers and also his brothers and sister and families. They were in church Sun. at Eli I. Millers'.

Quite a few are sick with the measles now.

Joe E. Miller ch. dist. is at Eli E. Miller Jrs'. (dau. Edna) on Mon. 4th.

Noah Detweiler ch. dist. is at Dan A. Slabaughs' also on March 4th.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK

Philadelphia Christian Fellowship

Feb. 15--Weatherwise it is still mainly in the 30's. Today though, it has started to snow. There was some rain in the last week, too, that made slushy roads because of wet snow. The results were a wrecked car where Mrs. Ervin Esh was driving too fast for the curve ahead. The car hit a tree and smashed the right front end, etc. Thankfully, no one was hurt, which they might have been if they hadn't been in seatt belts and car seats. She was on her way to Ed Sillmans' where the sewing was. A little later some more sisters came along and picked her up. The sewing was again for dresses to send to Honduras.

A few of our group here are planning to attend the weekend meetings at the Pilgrim Fellowship congregation, Pa. The speaker is from Deer Lodge, Tn.

On Sat. Aaron Martin and Ervin Esh went to Mcveytown to pick up another vehicle for Ervins. They came back the same day.

Most of the families here have plans to be away around the beginning of March. Ed Sillman has a week of meetings scheduled at Crossville, Tn. Plans are to dismiss school that week. Also in beginning of March is the wedding of Mrs. Raymond Martin's brother Abner King to Mary Elizabeth King. They plan to attend, also Ed Sillmans.

Harvey Martins

DEWITTVILLE, NEW YORK

Feb. 22--A nice week, but cold mornings. Sugaring has started.

Mrs. Wallie C. Byler is again better. They are having some trouble getting her sugar regulated as she is diabetic.

Born to Dan and Clara Swartzentrubers a baby Jan. 19th. Grandparents are Jonathan C. Bylers of here and Levi E. Swartzentrubers of Lawrence Co. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Amanda Hostetler, Sparty, Pa.

Dan A. Hostetlers and sons David and Mose of Lawrence Co. spent over Sunday at Wallie C. Bylers'.

Mose W. Bylers and Eli J. Yoders spent yesterday (Wed.) in Sparty visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Hochstetler and also Mrs. Enos L. Miller, a cancer patient. Saloma J. Byler

SOUTH DAYTON, NY

Feb. 14--Today thermometer went up to 50°.

Measles are making a fresh appearance.

Our 3 youngest have the whooping cough. The others had it 7 years ago. Mary, age 5, has it the hardest.

We found out tonight that English children in Pine Valley School have the mumps. Our neighbors' children go there.

Menno E. Miller church is at John D. Millers' on Feb. 25th and John M. Miller church at John Hershbergers', also the 25th. Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

PRATTSBURG, N.Y.

Feb. 19--The last 7 weeks have been unusually warm, but was down to 6° above on Sun. morning.

Our two oldest children, Abe and Mary, were on an 8-day trip to Gradyville, Glasgow and Marion, Ky., returning Sat. eve. They were traveling with some youngfolks from the Fillmore settlement.

Vic Delegrange had a gang there to move furniture into his furniture shop on Fri., so he should be in the business soon.

Raymond A. Shrocks, Martha and Sally Shrock, all from Albion, N.Y. were visiting at Alvin Shrocks' and our house on Saturday.

Church was at Vic Delegranges' on Sunday. To be there again on March 4. Chris Schwartzes were missing as they were on a business trip to Ohio.

Harry D. Troyer

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Feb. 21--Cold weather again, with temp. below zero. We had a quite heavy thunder storm last Fri. evening when temperature was in the 20s.

The writer received another wedding invitation recently from Mo. for one of my nephews, Rueben Yoder, but as usual I just passed it up again. I would have enjoyed to be there, if I could have hitched up old Dobbin to the buggy and drove over to it.

Wedding bells rang here again for Harvey J. Miller and Mary J. Yoder, dau. of Joni D. Yoders. He is the son of John E. Millers.

East church was at Mose E. Shetlers' with Dea. Noah J. Hostetlers from Ethridge, Tenn. attending. South was at Ben L. Shetlers' with Bish. Mose M. Miller from Oh. attending.

Mona B. Shetlers from Wayne Co., Oh. and Dannie E. Zook (Elis) from Tenn. also Amanda J. Gingerich (Joes) are around here, visiting. Amanda is working for Levi J. Gingerichs who have a baby boy named Joely. Grands are Mose J. Millers of here and Joe U. Gingerichs of Tenn.

Born to Peter A. Hershbergers, a baby girl named Malinda. Grands are Andy P. Hershbergers and Eli J. Zooks, both of Oh.

Born to Joni R. Yoders, a baby girl, also named Malinda. Grands are Mose J. Millers and the writer, both of here.

Mrs. Mose L. Swartzentruber (Susie) and dau. Mary also went to Oh. and are expected home this week again.

Some have tapped maple trees.

Eli S. Miller had the misfortune of getting his leg hurt while working in the timber dragging logs. They don't know for sure if it is broken or not. At last reports it wasn't X-rayed yet. A poor time to get hurt as it will probably be hard to get steady help. Everyone seems to be very busy trying to get winter work done before spring comes. There are not many boys available that are not needed at home.

I heard say that one of the forerunners and pioneers to start the Amish settlement in Guernsey Co. is now planning to move back to Wayne Co., in the same neighborhood that he left over 20 years ago. He is Johnnie E. Miller. Well, John, a fox they say will most always come back to the same place he started from if he is chased around long enough. Nix for ungute, John. You know I helped you get started down there, but so far no one has run me back home, although I got out of Guernsey over 10 years ago.

The ice fishermen are on the go again since our colder weather. Those fish caught through the ice, are really delicious.

Rudy S. Yoder

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Feb. 18--Last week's weather was in the 50s and then Friday we had a storm, with some thunder and much colder.

The syrup makers that haven't tapped plan to do so this week.

The men and boys cleaned all the burned lumber and debris that was left from Daniel Bylers' house and dug a bigger basement. Also enclosed the kitchen above the basement that wasn't damaged.

All the basement stuff was saved and also some kitchen stuff that was in the cupboards and in containers. Her Lifetime cookware was OK, except about 4 or 5 pieces. Some of the kitchen utensils and silverware were cleanable, but it sure was a black, smoky, water-soaked mess.

Eddie Yoder and Enos Miller plan to do the carpenter work.

This person that we thought was a woman and turned out to be a man, was questioned by the police. The police told him that the Amish are not happy the way he is walking into their houses and told him that he is to stay away from the Amish. So nobody has seen him since.

Feb. 20--Cold and sunny days. It's just cold enough so they can't lay blocks for the basement for the house, up at Daniels'.

Tomorrow a load of we church women are planning to go to Wayne Co., Oh. to surprise Mrs. Willie Schmucker for her birthday. Carol Rogers of Sparty is our driver.

Crist Kauffman was taken to the Hamot Hosp. in Erie last evening with heart problems. Also the 3-mo.-old baby of John and Liz Shetler spent a few days in Corry Hosp. with bronchitis.

Mrs. W. Troyer

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Jasper Area

March 2--We had frigid weather last weekend. Maple syrup makers probably enjoyed the break after the full runs of the 2 previous weeks. Some had close to 100 gals. of syrup in 3 weeks time and that in Feb.

Church at John Hershbergers' Sun. with a lot of absentees because of the flu bug. Johns had a singing in the eve. Church to be there again next time.

School in this dist. had 18 children missing Tues. with flu, so it was closed for the rest of this week in hopes for a fuller attendance this next week.

Sat., Alvin Farmwalds enjoyed a load of company from Smicksburg, Pa. On the load were Al K. Millers and some of their married children, Amos Bylers, Andy, Lesters and Allen Millers.

Mrs. Jonas Miller

SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

Waterloo Mennonite

Feb. 27--Visitors at church on Sun. were the Daniel Faus family from the Shirksville Church, Ed Leid, Dan Fox, Joe Sensenig and Sheldon Detweiler (all 4 Jeffrey Witmers' visitors and the James Burkholder family, Tamaqua, Pa. James brought the morning and evening messages. Clifford Weavers had Jameses and Glenn Aukers for dinner. Jameses were here for supper. Arletha Bender was also at church with son Arlins. She is in the area because it is closer for her to visit her grandson, Allen V. Bender, 12, son of Alvus Benders who had surgery for a hernia on the brain in a Syracuse Hospital.

Jeff saw the doctor today. He said it will probably be a year until he can turn his neck without pain. He is supposed to exercise his neck in order to strengthen the muscles.

On the 21st Larry and Susan (Weaver) Martin welcomed a little girl, Melissa Kay. She weighed 9 lb. 6 oz. Mother and baby came home from the hospital that eve. yet. She has 2 brothers, Matthew and Jason and 3 sisters, Mary Beth, Joy and Janita. Grandparents are Landis and Arlene Weaver and Daniel Martins.

Norene Sensenig and Irene Kurtz and I visited Lucille Good on Wed. morn. Carl, Norene, Mary Kate and Justin were here for a meeting to go over the discipline with the applicants on Tues. eve. and for council meeting on Wed. eve. They were at Mel Kurtzes' overnight and also had a meal at Glenn Aukers'.

Yesterday morning we had -2°, so winter has returned. Clifford Weaver left for Numidia early in the morning where he will be teaching the Separation & Great Passages of the Bible classes for the next 3 weeks.

Last Fri. we had hot lunch at school. Irene Sensenig, Sylvia Witmer, Sharon and I served. Mrs. Marvin Witmer

CLYMER, NEW YORK

Feb. 25--Winter is back with cold wind and snow.

Church was at Atlee Wengerds' with a small attendance due to the cold. Dan Yoders from S.E. dist. were the only visitors.

My amaryllis is just beautiful. 2 flowers are open and the 1 flower is 8 in. across.

Those going to Wayne Co. last Wed. were Mrs. Allen Byler, Mrs. Marvin Miller and son, Mrs. Wm. Byler, Mrs. Dan Schmucker and dau. Linda and Laura and son Freeman, Mrs. Dave Miller, Mrs. Daniel Byler and twins, Mrs. Albert Troyer and baby, the writer and dau. Tena. We were at Willie Schmuckers' and in the p.m. the girls and I were at Mrs. Eli J. Miller's.

Last Sat. about 12 men and boys worked on the house at Daniel Bylers' and got as far as the second floor.

The man-woman has not been seen since he was warned by the police to stay away from the Amish, so hopefully that's the end of him in this area. He did not have anything personal against the Amish, as he told the police he thought the Amish were nice people. He did admit he was in Daniel's house the night of the fire, but wouldn't admit he set it on fire. He has mental problems and rumors are he also has aids and cancer.

Feb. 20--Visitors at our place last eve. were bro. Sam J. Byler and daus. Fannie, Esther and Emma and son Sam Jr., Owen M. Troyers and boys and Mrs. David Coblentz and girls. They are from Sparty.

Church to be at Dave Millers' next.

Mrs. W. Troyer

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centreville Area

March 2--The past week brought us a bit of real winter again, as it was around 0° a few mornings over the weekend and also got a few inches of snow. If we'd get another week like that we'd likely have ice to put away. Want to correct an error in my last letter: Valentine Byler's ice was 7" instead of 10" that he put away -- sorry about that!

Reuben Girods and dau. Lovina and Enos Brandenbergers and dau. Margaret of Allen Co., Ind. made a short stop here Sat. p.m. They wanted to visit Ernest Girods but they were in LeRaysville for the weekend, so they stayed at Sam Girods' for the night and traveled on the next morning.

Church was at John E. Millers', with only 5 of the young folks and us, for supper and singing. Is to be at Ben E. Girods' on March 11.

Dan Yoders of Dela. were visiting with their children and families who live here from Mon. till Wed. They brought a grandson, Mark Girod (Dans) of LeRaysville along, too.

Yest. I went along to Clymer, N.Y. with a load of here who went to help on the new house going up there to replace the one that burned down a few weeks ago. Those going were Johnny V., Valentine J. and Amos J. Byler, David Nissley, Ben E. and David E. Girod, John E. Miller, Ray, Lester and me. I spent a very enjoyable day with Mrs. Walter Troyer and family (Clymer scribe).

Dau. Erma was here for a few hours last evening, coming with an English schoolteacher of Prattsburg who teaches some kind of evening classes at Houghton College. Mrs. Ray Gingerich

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Feb. 26--This morning it was 17 below, but warmed up to 16 above today.

Friday night, Feb. 16 we had a thunderstorm, which is very unusual for this time of the year. It really rained for awhile, then later turned to sleet. The next day it snowed all day, so the ground is covered once again.

Yesterday church was in the new home of Dan and Clara Schmucker. Will be there again in two weeks.

Monday morning Feb. 19th Mrs. Freeman Kauffman received the message of her dad's death, Amos Peachy of Pa. Leaving for the funeral were Freeman Kauffmans, Joe and Marie Delagrange and Ruth Wengerd. Mrs. Dave Langdell was their driver. Her husband passed away last Oct. while they were living in Fl. She moved back up here this winter. Dave used to haul the Amish in this area.

Feb. 22nd Dave Wickey suffered 3 strokes. He was hospitalized today for tests. Dave is 81 years old. I'm sure mail is appreciated. Their address is: Norfolk, N.Y., Rt. 1, Box 68, 13667 River Rd.

A bit of humor: A tourist was looking through a roadside antique shop. Seeing nothing of any interest, he was just about to leave when he noticed a cat lapping milk out of a saucer. He knew at once that the saucer was a priceless antique and suspected that the proprietor was unaware of its value. Trying to appear casual, the tourist said, "That certainly is a nice cat you have there. Would you care to sell him?" "Well," replied the storekeeper, "I guess I'd be willing to sell him for $5." The tourist paid the five dollars, picked up the cat and said, "I might as well take the saucer along too, since the cat is used to eating from it." "Sorry," replied the proprietor, "but I can't let you have the saucer." "Well, then I'll buy the saucer from you." "Oh, no, the saucer's not for sale." "But why don't you want to sell me this old saucer?" "Because," said the shopkeeper, "from that old saucer, I've already sold a hundred cats." The Hiltys

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

Feb. 25--This morning it was 17 below, but warmed up to 16 above today.

Friday night, Feb. 16 we had a thunderstorm, which is very unusual for this time of the year. It really rained for awhile, then later turned to sleet. The next day it snowed all day, so the ground is covered once again.

Yesterday church was in the new home of Dan and Claire Schneider. Will be there again in two weeks.

Monday morning Feb. 19th Mrs. Freeman Kaufman received the message of her dad's death, Amos Pauley of Ft. Leaving for the funeral were Freeman Kaufman, Joe and Mavis [illegible] going and Ruth Wengard. Mrs. Dave Longwell was their driver. The weekend passed very fast Sat. while they were living in Ft. She towed back up here their vehicle. Dave used to haul the Amish in this area.

Feb. 22nd Dave Wisley suffered a stroke. He was hospitalized today for tests. Dave is 81 years old. I'm sure real appreciated. Their address is Neeleh, N.Y., Rt. 1, Box 68, 13697 River Rd.

A bit of humor: A tourist was looking through a roadside antique shop. Seeing nothing of any interest, he was just about to leave when he noticed a tin lizzie with out of a motor. He knew at once that the motor was a priceless antique and suspected that the proprietor was aware of its value. Trying to appear casual, the tourist said, "That certainly is a nice car you have there. Would you care to sell [illegible]" "Well," replied the proprietor, "I guess I'd be willing to sell him for $2." The tourist paid the five dollars, picked up the car and said, "I might as well take the motor along too since the car is sold to entirely from it." "Sorry," replied the proprietor, "but I can't let you have the motor." "Well, then I'll buy the motor from you." "Oh, no the motor's not for sale." "But why don't you want to sell me the old motor?" "Because," said the proprietor, "then the old motor I've already sold a hundred cars."

The Hilltop

PILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville News

March 2--The past week has been a bit of real winter again, as it was around 0° a few mornings over the week-end and also got a few inches of snow. Tuesday another week like that we'll likely have to put away. We've [illegible] in my last letter. Valentine Party's on was 7° instead of 20° that be put away--sorry about that!

Reuben Ulrichs and Ben Lorens and Elmo Hershberger and Geo. Shepard of Allen Co., Ind. made a short trip to Sac. pass. They wanted to visit Lyman Ulrichs but they were in California for the weekend, so they stayed at Ben Ulrichs for the night and headed on the next morning.

Church was at Elsie E. Hilbert, with many 3 of the young folks and on the supper and singing. It is to be at Ben E. Ulrichs' on March 11.

Dan Yoders of Dela. were visiting with their children and families one time from Mon. till Wed. Dan brought a practice, Mark Ulrich (Daisy of Lafayette along, too.

Yes, I went along to Ottawa, N.Y. with a load of hay also went to help on the saw boys going to town to register the one that turned down a few weeks ago. Those going were Johnny V., Valentine J. and Jesse J. Byler, David Hershey, Ben E. and David E. Ulrich, John E. Miller, Ben, Lester and yes, I guess a very enjoyable day with Mrs. Walter Troyer and family (Clymer area).

Dan Lorens was here for a few hours last evening, coming with an English acquaintance of Fredonia who teaches here and of evening classes at Hinsdale Jon College. Elsie Ray Clingerman

CATO, NEW YORK

Feb. 28--We're having a cold snap with temp. dropping to 10 below on Mon. morning.

On Mon. we went with Leon Goods to visit Ivan Weiler of Myerstown, Pa. at Strong Memorial Hosp. at Rochester. He is recuperating from injuries received in a snowmobile accident on Feb. 17. He had surgery on his back Fri. to fuse a vertebrae. Besides a crushed vertebrae, he had 3 broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder and bumps and bruises. His son Lester of Dryden, Can. was visiting also, having flown down for a few days.

Gerald Martin (Ellis) was involved in a 2-car collision on Sun. p.m. He and a passenger, Daryl Hurst were treated and released at Taylor Brown Hosp. in Waterloo. The accident happened at an intersection where blowing snow made visibility poor.

Church services on Sun. were at Fayette with John Sauder, Melvin High and Bish. Luke Good in charge. Visitors were Jay Lloyd and Rosann Martin of Mo. They had Sun. dinner with his cousin Marilyn and Kevin Martin. They plan to be in Pa. this weekend to attend the wedding of her cousin Carolyn Brubaker (Mervin) and Wilmer Huber (Eli Jr.).

Wilmer's youngest bro. Titus of Pa. was to Ont., Can. part of last week to have a rupture repaired. Going along were Leon High, Curvin Horst and one of Edwin Wises' boys. They planned to be home by late Sun. or early Mon. morning.

Sis. Edna (Mrs. Leon Horning) also had a rupture repaired on the 19th as an outpatient at Ephrata Comm. Hosp.

Charlotte Martin (Ellis) had her foot cast removed this week. She had broken her ankle in a sledding accident at school earlier.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

PANAMA, NEW YORK

March 2--We're enjoying sunny days. The snow, most of which came Sat. night along with stiff winds, is settling. Temp. was below zero Sun. morning so we were serenaded with wheels on snow music, going and coming from church at Henry Kauffmans'.

Church is to be at Enos Millers', Mar. 11.

Daffet Mary is being cared for at her daughter's, the Andy S. Yoders for an indefinite time.

Roy M. Troyers left last night to join others of the Troyer family going to the wedding at Ben Shetlers' at Punxsy.

Dau. Lydiann came home from Ohio Mon. reporting that her grandmother, Mrs. John Troyer, is developing cataracts besides her intestinal problem worsening.

John Burkholders were to Geauga yest. to see Fannie's bro. Melvin J. Hershbergers who were there from Cashton, Wisconsin.

Dairy cow prices are dropping now, also grade B milk prices. We are thinking of going grade to grade A, but continuing with Middlefield Cheese. The only changes we'd have to make are a light run off, a battery in the milkhouse, and more lanterns in the barn. Also a wall between the horse and cow barn. Apparently grade B is going to be priced off the market.

Mrs. Joe Bricker

SOUTH DAYTON, NEW YORK

Feb. 28--A beautiful sunny day, temp. 22°.

Born to Andy and Jemima Raber a dau. named Mary. Grands are Noah Rabers and Ben Detweilers of Punxsy, Pa. Also a dau. Sarah to Danny and Sarah Raber. Grands are Noah Rabers and Mrs. Yost Miller.

Our three oldest girls went over to John Rabers' on Sun. for dinner and to Mose Stutzmans for supper. Had a long drive as Johns live 14-15 mi. from us. Bro. Noah's two oldest girls also were there.

On Sat. will be the sale at Mose D. Stutzmans' as he is retiring from farming. His son Johns will take over the farming.

Uriah M. Hochstetlers are visiting her parents, the Dan E. Millers and relatives. They are from Union City, Pa. Noah J. Shetlers and 2 dau. from Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa. were at his bro. Harvey's sale on Sat.

Menno E. Miller ch. will be at Levi D. Millers' and John M. Miller ch. is at Eli J. Wengerds'. Both will be on March 11.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Feb. 28--Solid winter weather the last while with temps. going to 0 and below. This cools the sugaring fever down again, but I believe some good runs were missed earlier.

Wedding bells rang in the north ch. dist. Sunday for Mose A. Gingreich, son of Abe Gingerichs and Lydia L. Shetler, dau. of Levi L.S. Shetlers. Wedding is to be March the 6th. That dist. is to be at John A. Slabachs' for Mahlon M. Swartzentrubers on the 11th.

Dan M. Millers are back from their trip to Ohio. Mose E. Shetlers are leaving for Ohio, Minn. and Wisconsin.

Brother Eli wasn't quite so well lately since he was out of goat's milk. So he got milk at another place which seems to help and is feeling better now.

Sam D. Millers are on a trip to Tenn. and Kentucky.

Lovina J. Miller (Joes) and Ezra D. Yoders from Canada are around to attend the wedding at Joni D. Yoders tomorrow. They are also getting some teeth pulled while down here.

Rudy S. Yoder

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Feb. 28--We are having winter weather again. Early Mon. morn. around 2 o'clock we had 18 below. Sherman had 28 below Mon. morn. and Randolph had 20 below.

Jacob Burkholders and dau. Amanda from Mich. came last Sat. and want to go home next Mon. Jonas Burkholder brought them over here Mon. p.m. They wanted to be at Eli E. Millers' for supper and to Mary Miller's overnight.

Born to Andy N. and Jemima (Detweiler) Raber a dau. Mary. Grands are Ben Detweilers from Punxsy and Noah Rabers and a dau. Sarah to Dan N. and Sarah (Miller) Raber. Grands are Mrs. Sarah Miller and Noah Rabers.

Son Mennos want to have public auction here on March 16 and move to Dunnville the next week and Menno J.M. Hershbergers (Joe M.) want to move in here and take the farming over.

March 1--Reports are that Mose N. Shetler bought Harvey J. Shetlers farm at the auction last Sat. for their son Johns, but I heard this morn. that Harvey did not let the farm go.

Menno Hershberger

RENSSELAER FALLS, NY

March 2--Our mild Jan. and Feb. weather has turned to winter again with several sub-zero mornings and more snow. An old native told me in 1928 they crossed Black Lake with a team and wagon on April 28, "drawing logs to Ogdensburg." The next day sun came out. Ice left and they put cattle on pasture almost like other years.

Yest. was the wedding at Joni D. Yoders' for their dau. Mary and Harvey, son of John E. Millers. Their witness were John, son of Dan A. Millers and Malinda (Joni) Yoders, Dan (Jonas) Swartzentrubers and Susie (John) Millers. Mose son of Abie Gingerichs is trying to claim one of our good old schoolteachers, Lydia (Levi) Shetler. Their wedding date is March 6.

Two bears were seen in the neighborhood again lately.

North church is at John Schlabachs' on March 11 for Mahlon Swartzentrubers.

Eli S. Miller had a log accident which put him on crutches, having broken a couple small bones in one foot and an injured ankle and cracked big bone on the other. He's to wear a cast for 6 weeks. When they came home from their Oh. trip there was a $300 vet bill ready to meet them due to shipping fever having visited their barn.

My last letter stated our granddau. being born on Jan. 27. This should have read Jan. 29.

Two Malindas arrived in our church dist. Joni R. Yoders' born of Feb. 20 and Peter Hershbergers' on Feb 12.

E. Swartzentruber

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

Feb. 23--Weather is quite warm and up in the 60s this morning. People are cooking sap and some have started plowing.

Church was held at our home on Sunday. To be at Rudy E. Millers' next time. Pre. Mahlon L. Miller and dau. Esther were here from N. Church. Jesse M. Mullets, Rudy E. Millers and Jonas J. Mullets and the youngfolks were here for supper and singing.

Ivan and Clara J. Mullet are the happy parents of their firstborn, a son named Joseph since Mon., Feb. 19. Grandparents are Melvin Hershbergers and Jesse Mullets, both of here. Baby Joseph weighed 9 lbs. 6 ozs.

A chartered bus load from Geauga Co., Ohio spent Sat., the 10th at Jonas J. Bylers'. All Jonas' bros., sisters, nieces and nephews and his parents were there except 2 little girls who were sick.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Feb. 26--Weather cold and sunny this morning with temp. down to 1° above.

Those missing in church last Sunday at Lonnie Stutzmans' were Mrs. John Coblentz and some children, Mrs. Andy Stutzman and children, due to the children having the chicken pox. The Noah Bylers who are still in Ky. were also missing.

Church to be at Lonnies' again next time.

Mrs. Ferdie Miller and two daughters were to Minn. the week of the 15th to attend the wedding of her niece, Mrs. Jonas Yoder from Fillmore, N.Y. and accompanied them to Minn. to attend the same wedding. The Mrs. are sisters.

Sarah N. Byler

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

March 2--March came in like a lamb, but Feb. went out like a lion. We had a severe snowstorm Sat. night, Feb. 24. Mon. morn. was our coldest of the winter at 8° below zero.

Visitors with us last Sat. were Andy's brother Melvins and two boys; Reuben and William Benders at Ray Wengerds' and Crist S. and Simon S. Yoders at Dan S. Yoders'. They all hail from Ohio. Also another load was out, Melvin N. Troyers at Marvin O. Millers', Robert A. Yoders and John Henry E. Bylers at Andy S. Yoders'.

Roman M. Miller's parents of Conewango Valley, N.Y. were there on Tues. possibly longer.

An old landmark, or I should say an eyesore, is now gone. The house across the road was pushed into the basement and covered with dirt last Wed. It used to be an old hotel in colonial days, but was terribly neglected the last 20 yrs. or so.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

DEWITTVILLE, NEW YORK

March 1--The last 4 days have been on cold side. Mon. morning the coldest for the winter. It was 3 below here and colder some places.

The dau. No. 8 born to Dan Swartzentrubers' has been named Lydia. The girls all have 2 brothers.

Levi J. Shetler had hernia surgery in Erie on Tues., going in morn. and came home in early p.m.

Church and singing at John M. Bylers' and at John Kurtzes' next. Visitors were Simon Lee of Smicksburg and one of Emanuel Kurtzes' girls of Conewango who is helping at her bro. Yosts'.

Published to be married are Ben Shetler, son of Ben Shetlers, Conewango, and Sarah, dau. of Criss H. Bylers.

Mrs. Wallie C. Byler seems better when they can regulate her sugar.

Saloma J. Byler

BUDGET, MARCH 7,1990 (WEDNESDAY)

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PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK

Philadelphia Christian Fellowship

March 5--Nice weather. There is enough snow to cover the ground.

Those leaving for C.R. from here were: Ervin, Esther, Bethany and Micheal Esh, also Aaron Martin. They were at Mt. Perry, Ohio for the weekend. They also plan to be in Honduras.

Ed Sillmans have left for Tn. Also Raymond Martins were to the wedding of Abner King and Mary Elizabeth King. Allen Reinford and Nevin Nolt took over with the chores while they were gone.

Harvey Martin, along with Martha and Luke, made a trip to Ky. for a few days. The main reason was to take milkers down for Dan Eshes who have plans to begin milking soon. We stayed a few days.

The remaining families from here (that weren't visiting) attended services at Hope Fellowship, Lowville, N.Y. Ervin Horsts also were there. We enjoyed a fellowship meal afterwards.

Taking advantage of school vacation is the Lloyd Martin family. They plan to travel to Flemingsburg, N.Y. and possibly to Lloyd's relatives in Tn.

Ira Hubers and Jacob Kuepfers attended our Sun. services. They stayed over the weekend. Other visitors were, 6 young people coming with Ervins from Ont., Cheryl, Peter Jantzy, Pauline Keupher and Janette and Dwight Schmit.

Harvey Martins

SOUTH DAYTON, NEW YORK

March 7--We have 2 below this morn. We had some more snow on Mon.

Born to Andy and Amanda M. Shetler a dau. named Ada on March 4th. Grands are Mose N. Shetlers and Eli E. Millers.

Born to Lewis and Fannie P. Miller a dau. Grands are Petey A. Millers and Enos J. Millers.

Today Jacob A. Hertzlers want to load their belongings and move to Union City, Pa. tomorrow. Jacob's parents, Amos J. Hertzlers, and two dau. came to this vicinity Sat. and were in church at Eli E. Miller Jrs'. on Sun. They wanted to help Jacobs and then return to their home in Union City tomorrow with Jacobs.

There's a quilting today at Jake M. Hostetlers'. The money from the quilt is to go toward the payment of Lewis Lovina's hospital bill.

We want to have a quilting tomorrow to help with our doctor and hospital bills.

Joe E. Miller ch. dist. is to be at David A. Millers' on March 18th and Noah Detweiler dist. at Johnny J. Millers', also on March 18th. Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

March 7--Weather is still a little on the cold side at night, but usually warms up during the day.

Dave Wickey seems to be improving some. His right side is paralyzed. The stroke also took his speech but last reports were that was improving a little. He is home from the hospital.

Visitors in the area were Chris and Barb Schwartz and children, Elizabeth, Fannie and Jonas, Jerry Wengerd and Danny Schwartz from Prattsburg, N.Y. They arrived Sunday night March 4th and left Monday evening March 5.

Mrs. John Delagrange and son John and Sue Wickey returned to their homes Mon. eve. March 5 after visiting a few days in Linesville, Pa.

Leaving for Grabill, Indiana Tues. morn. March 6 were James and Anna Mae Wickey and some of the children. Pete Z. was their driver.

Ben and Martha Schwartz are the happy parents of another son named Benjamin, he weighed 9½#. He has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Mrs. John Delagrange is helping out there.

Joe Delagrange, Joe Eicher and Dave Wengerd were to Newport, N.Y. over Sunday, March 4.

The youngie were here for supper Sunday evening.

The Hiltys

CLYMER, NEW YORK

March 5--It started snowing this p.m. and is still snowing tonight.

Yest. a van load from here attended different churches in Geauga. Enos Millers and Crist Bylers were at Rueben R. Bylers' and Dan Troyers attended at Lester Troyers' and Crist Kauffman and us were at Albert J. P. Millers'. In the p.m. we were at my bro., Allen J. Bylers'.

The house they are rebuilding for Daniel Bylers is coming along. Tonight they have quite a few men there putting up dry wall, also cemented basement today. Last Thurs. there was a load of men and boys here from Fillmore, also Mrs. Ray Gingerich was along and spent the day with me. We lived neighbors back in Ohio for 13 yrs. We moved out of the neighborhood in May of '76 and Rays moved Aug. the same year to Pa. and later to Fillmore, N.Y.

Mrs. Hutton from Clymer was here today and gave me a magazine called "The Lutheran" (Feb. 28 issue). She thought there was an article I would like to read called "One of the 'Plain' folks" featuring George Smith, our Budget editor. An interesting part says "We're an Amish newspaper edited by a Lutheran and owned by a Jewish businessman".

Mar. 6--Today is the birthday of my mother, Amanda Hochstetler of Sparty. She is 90 yrs. old. She knits for a pastime and likes to get mail. Her address is Rt. 2, Spartansburg, Pa. 16434.

Some of the boys have been helping at Ervin Millers' in the eve., putting up insulation and dry wall on the new part of their upstairs.

Mrs. W. Troyer

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

March 8--A nice day. Temp. 45 at 12 o'clock. The sap will pro run again today the first time this week. We had 2 mornings this week at 2 above zero.

Church was at Dan D. Millers' and shall be at Uria D. Millers' next. Bish. Enos Yoder from Union City was in church at Dan D. Millers', also Sam D. Millers and some children.

John B. Hostetler (Mrs. Katie) and Mary J. Raber (Johns) were published Sun. Wedding to be March 15.

Bish. Atlee Y. Millers from Cashton, Wisc. were around here over Sun.

Measles are still around. Family has the mumps and a lot of people had the flu.

2 new dishwashers around. A dau. Ada on March 4 to Andy M. and Amanda (Miller) Shetler. Grands are Eli E. Millers and Mose M. Shetlers. A dau. on March 3 to Lewis P. and Fannie E. (Miller) Miller. Grands are Enos J. Millers and Pete A. Millers. Greats are John E. Miller from Ohio and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller and Mrs. Ada Shetler.

Yesterday they filled the ice house here and dressed a hog for us. Menno Jrs. are busy getting ready for the auction that is to be March 16.

Menno Hershberger

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

March 7--March has been colder than Feb. Temp. goes down to around 10° or so during the night.

Church Sunday at Rudy E. Millers' and is to be at Jonas J. Bylers' next time. Jonas J. Mullets, us and the young folks were there for supper.

Still a few cases of chicken pox around.

Ernest Girods, Emanuel Girod and David Nissleys spent the 24th at Rudy E. Millers' visiting their dau. and sister. They are from Fillmore, N.Y. John Bylers and dau. were also along at Ervin R. Millers'. Then John's wife and dau. went to LeRaysville, Pa. to spend the weekend, also Rudy Miller's dau. Barbara went along to be with her cousins. They dropped her off again Mon. morn. when they came to pick up John. The ones at Rudy's were just there for the day.

Erma R. Gingerich and Esther M. Swartz from Prattsburg, N.Y. spent the weekend of the 25th in this area. Erma was at Eli E. Millers' and Esther at Ervin R. Millers' Sat. night, then Ervin's Anna took Esther over to Elis' also on Sun. We had spent the day at Elis' too, to see their new baby.

The teachers and pupils of Hillside View School were treated to a hot lunch last Thurs. by Mrs. Jonas J. Byler and dau. Elva.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

March 9--Weather is lots warmer again with an all-day rain. Farmers are anxious to get back to their plowing.

Church was at Jake Millers' again Sun. for their son Andys. Visitors were Min. Raymond Millers, Melvin A. Byl-ers, John Brickers, John Burkholder and some young folks from South dist. To be at Crist M. Hostetlers', March 18.

Eli Masts of Sugargrove, Pa. were at Roman M. Millers' over the weekend. Also Danny and Harvey Shetler of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jake M. and Ruben J. Millers were to Billy Mortons' in Spartansburg, Pa. Wed. evening a week ago. Roy Troyers were to Lawrence Schrocks' and Elwin Kuhns to Dan E. Millers'.

At Bill Burkholders' Sat. were Mrs. Elma Schrock, Ray and Daniel Bur-kholders and Mary Alice A. Miller from Oh., Mark Burkholders from Sparty, Pa. and John and Jonas Burkholders from here. Mrs. Milo (Lydia) Miller was along to her son Andy's till in p.m. she was also at Bills'. Also Jake M. Millers in p.m. of here. Milo Lydia and Elma were at Jakes' for supper. Marks came up Fri. evening already and left for home Sat. evening.

Mrs. Albert A. Miller Lizzie came along out to her dau., Elwin Kuhns'. Crist Hostetlers and Dan S. Yoders were also there.

Enos Millers, Dan Troyers, Chris Kauffmans, Walter Troyers and Crist Bylers were to Oh. Sun. to different churches.

Jake M. Millers, Mrs. Andy J. M. Miller, Mrs. Andy Lee, Mrs. Roy Troyer and Mrs. Ruben Miller were to Clinton-ville Thurs. They planned to pick up more in Sparty on their way down.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

Mar. 7--A very nice sunny day, but near zero most every morning lately.

Sugaring is almost at a standstill at present. Jonas J. Zook from Ohio is around here intending to help with sugaring at Mose H. Millers'.

The bus strike seems to have changed quite a few plans for those that intended to go to Minn. to attend the wedding at Dannie M. Hershbergers' residence, where Perry E. Glick was being mar-ried.

The weddings here in N.Y. at Joni D. Yoders' and Levi L. S. Shetlers' are now history. Harvey N. Hostetlers attended both of these weddings from Medina Co., Ohio. Emanuel L. Shetlers and Noah L. Shetler from Canada were here for the last one.

Nava huckers at Levis' were Sammie E. Yoder, (Elis) and Emma L. Shetler, Jacob A. Gingerich and Lydian (Eli Swz.) Swartzentruber .

Rudy E. Mast and 3 of Joe S. Yoders' children arrived in Cleveland bus depot about the time the drivers went on strike. They were transferred over to the train station and could use their bus tickets in to Syracuse. From there a striking driver brought them on home for $100.00, $25 each. Well, he probably needed a little money to live on till the strike is over. Wonder if they will get enough of a raise to pay for what they lose while stri-king.

Eli S. Miller who got both of his feet broken while working in the timber dragging logs has one foot in a cast. Guess they feel the other one will heal without a cast. Heard say he is making baskets now to help pass the time and also make a little income. There are certainly a lot of people going into this project trying to grab a little extra income, including myself and Pre. Mose J. Miller. I have sold quite a few of mine, but I intend to get out of that worthless job as soon as the weather breaks up and even maybe before. I cut close to 500 quilt patches the last week for the woman behind the wall here. I really enjoy that better, but the income may not be as good. It might not be as hard on nerves either and worth more after it is done.

Senior, Levi L. Shetler and Eli S. Yoder both weren't quite as well lately. Neither one was at the wedding. Levi (Sr.) stayed in his part of the house where a person could visit with him. They both seem to be some better again. Levi said the doctor called his ailment dropsy of the heart. Guess he hasn't attended church all winter. He is 89 years old.

There was a guy here last evening looking for someone to bake 50 loaves of break a week. He wants to start a store somewhere. I certainly am not interested in a job like that anymore in my circum-stances. If I would get a notion to go to Alaska or old Mexico, I could go with-out being tied down with work.

Rudy S. Yoder

BUDGET, MARCH 14, 1990 (WEDNESDAY)

PRATTSBURG, NEW YORK

March 5--The ground is mostly bare but temperatures below normal the last 2 weeks.

Dave Vanderbosh has 70 buckets hung and Ed Tuite is operating Mose Schwartz's sugaring outfit.

Visitors from Ashland, Ohio over last weekend were Lizzie and Katie Garber and Saloma J. Keim. A singing was held in their honor at our house on Friday evening and again on Sunday evening. They started back for Ohio on Monday p.m. traveling by bus.

Visitors from Allen Co., Ind. on Feb. 22 were Reuben P. Girods and Enos Brandenberger Jrs. They were out here on business connected with the sale of Enos' property here and made various stops in the community the next day.

Alvin M. Shrocks were visiting their children in the Albion area on Feb. 23.

Esther Schwartz and Erma Gingerich were visiting in the Woodhull area over last weekend and attended church there.

Most of the youngie from here plus the 8th graders enjoyed supper in Ray Gingerich's sugar shanty in Fillmore on Friday.

Church was at Vic Delegranges' yesterday to be at Mose Schwartzes' the next two times. Visitors were Lester and Raymond R. Gingerich from the Fillmore area.

Harry D. Troyer

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

Mar. 8--Cold weather stayed with us and our ice house is almost full. The ice was only around 4" thick, but better than none!

Last Fri. eve. dau. Erma brought her 8th graders and some of the Prattsburg youngfolks over to go to the sugarhouse for supper. Had a taffy pull before they left for home. Erma stayed here till Sat. p.m., then she went back to Prattsburg with Lester and Raymond for the weekend. The boys came home Mon. morning.

Yest. Ernest Girods, Mrs. Sam E. Girod and dau. Emma went to LeRaysville for the day. Jonas Yoder Verba was the substitute teacher for Ernest.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

CATO, NEW YORK

March 8--Allen Weilers took his parents to their home in Pa. on Sun. Ivan was released from the Rochester hospital on Friday.

Services at Pleasant Ridge Sun. were held by Paul Martin, Melvin High and Bish. Jere. Sensenig of Pa. Nonresistance services were held at Fayette in p.m. with Jere having the main part. They came into the area late Sat. p.m. with Ivan Sensenigs and spent the night with Hershey Sensenigs. They had Sun. dinner with Leon Martins.

On Tues. some neighbors and friends got together at Loren Martins' for a raising for a pole shed.

On Mon. we traveled to Pa. to be present with the rest of my family at Lancaster Co. Courthouse for my sis.-in-law Alice High's court hearing. The judge's decision was that she be admitted in a mental institution. Under the testimony of a court appointed psychiatrist, she is considered dangerous to herself and other persons and will be heavily guarded. Her medication is to be made stronger and her condition reevaluated after a year.

Thurs. was moving day for Alvin Zimmerman family. They moved to Union Grove, Pa. Some of their N.Y. friends came together at Clarence Martin Jrs'. Sun. eve. to meet them one more time before they leave.

Mrs. Wilmer Horning

CROGHAN, N.Y.

March 6--Temp. was -12 degrees this morn., colder than some temps that made sugar makers want to scatter buckets last week.

Wayne and Luanne Moser have another dau., named Angela Faye, born on Feb. 20. This is their 3rd child. Wayne's parents, Sollys, live across the road from them.

On Feb. 28 Dale Weavers moved to East Earl, Pa. to the house his parents live in. Paul R. Weavers plan to move into a house next door soon. We will miss them at church and school.

Kenneth Goods were to Pa. over Sun. He preached at Richland. Also Mike Lyndakers went to Souderton area and visited Solly's folks over March 4.

Yesterday there was no school because 2 teachers were sick, Bro. Dennis Martin and Sis. Shirley Lyndaker. Bro. Dennis is back in school today, but Sis. Nancy Zehr is teaching for Sis. Shirley.

Clifford Weaver from Waterloo, N.Y. plans to be up to preach for us on March 11.

Mrs. Larry Zehr

PRATTSBURG, NEW YORK

CATO, NEW YORK

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

CROGHAN, N.Y.

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

March 16--Very warm spring-like weather this last week, temp. in high 70's. Snowdrops have been blooming a week or more. Other spring flowers are also up.

Andy A. and Mary Byler are the proud parents of a son named Marlin, born last Fri. eve., March 9th. He has 2 sisters. Grands are Andy E. and Sarah Byler of Spartansburg, Pa. and Freeman U. and Fannie Miller of Centerville, Pa. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Uria (Fannie) D. Miller of Geauga Co., Ohio.

Bill Burkholders were to Spartansburg, Pa. Sat. to visit her mother Mrs. William N. Byler (Emma) at Melvin Gingerichs'.

A load of men, Enos D., Crist F., Andy J., Roman M., Robert A., all Millers, Elwin Kuhns and Albert J. Bricker were to York and Lancaster, Pa. on Monday to look at some woodworking machinery.

Another fire in the community when Atlee Wengerd's barn burned down on Wed. afternoon. They are getting ready for the wedding of their son Atlee Jr. and Sally Fisher, dau. of Joe D. and Edna Fisher of Centerville, Pa. next Thurs., March 22. So they are anxious to get a new one up before then.

Mrs. Mahlon J. Yoder, Mrs. Noah J. Detweiler and Mrs. Dan A. Troyer were to Henry Kauffmans' yesterday. Mrs. John O. Mullet came along out to her brother Sam Hostetler Jrs'.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

March 15--Another warm day - more like May weather than March. Exceptionally warm weather is with us, this being the 4th day of such. It's not only warm enough to work in shirtsleeves, but warm enough to sit out in it.

Sugaring won't last long if this weather continues. The ones making syrup are letting the sap run away as it's cloudy and won't make good syrup till we get a cold snap again. We only have around 42 gallons made.

Last Sat. evening Mose Schwartz and boys, Christ Swartzes and children, and Dave Vanderbush were here for a few hours. The men came to look over the sap tubing lines and evaporator.

Church was at Ben Girods' last Sun. with only Lester there of the young folks. The other 6 attended church and singing at Harvey Bylers' in the Bellfast area. Church to be at Bens' again on March 25.

Our men are done sawing out lumber for our house and Raymond is now working on some custom sawing. Some of the others in the area are plowing. Yest. the Girod get-together was at Sam Sylvia's. The rest of the ladies and girls of the area were at Johnny Bylers'. Valentine Byler was also there for the day.

Mrs. Ray Gingerich

CLYMER, N.Y.

March 13--This area is enjoying warm spring weather in the 70s. This weather does not make the syrup makers happy. So far they have just had a few good runs.

Church was at Dave Millers' Sunday. Visitors were Crist A. Bylers, Ivan and Lizzie R. Miller from East dist.

Atlee Wengard Jr. and Sally J. Fisher are published to be married March 22; the wedding will be at Atlee Wengards'.

Last Thurs. Wally, dau. Tena & I, with our 2 boys, Marvin & Steven, Owen Benders, Danny Hostetlers, Mahlon, David and Ben E. Hostetlers went to Shippenville, Pa. to visit a pallet shop and seen how a band saw works.

The above mentioned is our pallet shop crew. They were not impressed with this band saw.

Roads are posted but with a special permit, they are allowing the log and lumber trucks to come in and the pallet trucks to go out.

They are expecting a load of Allen Byler's relatives from Geauga today to help on the house. There were 4 men from Jasper, N.Y. here Fri. to help.

Church to be at Ervin Millers' next for Dan Hostetlers. Wedding church for Atlees is also there.

Mrs. W. Troyer

CLYDE, NEW YORK

Mar. 13--A nice spring-like day today with temp. going up as high as 70°.

Bish. Noah S. Bylers "Dads" returned home last Fri. from their long Ky. stay. They were putting up a shop down there. They came home by bus.

Bish. Noah S. Bylers left Sat. p.m. for LeRaysville, Pa. to spend the weekend there with Ira D. Yoders, Mom's sister, before we move to Ky., which is only next week.

Work at present is to get things packed and get ready to have sale on Friday.

The Pre. Raymond L. Millers and family from Clymer, N.Y. came up in the area last Sunday evening and plans are to stay a few weeks.

Bish. Ervin Nissleys and some of their sons from Muncy, Pa. were also in the area last week one day.

Church was at Lonnie Stutzmans' last with everyone attending except the Noah S. Bylers. Church to be at David H. Yoders' next 2 times.

Our new address will be: Rt. #4, Box 129-1B, Marion, Ky. 42064.

Miss Sarah N. Byler

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

March 19--Very warm spring-like weather this last week, temp. in high 70's. Snowdrops have been blooming a week or more. Other spring flowers are also on.

Andy A. and Mary Ryder are the proud parents of a son named Martin, born last Fri. eve., March 9th. He has 2 sisters. Parents are Andy R. and Sonia Ryder of Spartansburg, Pa. and Parents are T. and Fannie Miller of Centerville, Pa. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Una Crane and D. Miller of Conneaut Co., Ohio.

Bill Bentzoldorf were to Spartansburg, Pa. Sat. to visit for another Mrs. William N. Ryder (Emma) at Meadville Hospital.

A load of men, Leon D., Chris F., Andy J., Roman M., Robert A., Ed Miller, Elton Rider and Albert J. Burgess were to York and Lancaster, Pa. on Monday to look at some woodworking machinery.

Another fire in the community when Alden Wengard's barn burned down on Wed. afternoon. They are getting ready for the wedding of their son Alden Jr. and Sally Ryder, dau. of Joe D. and Edna Ryder of Centerville, Pa. next Thurs., March 22. So they are anxious to get a new one up before then.

Mrs. Miriam J. Yoder, Mrs. Mark T. Dunkle and Mrs. Ora A. Troyer were to Henry Kauffman's yesterday. Mrs. John O. Miller came along on to her brother Ben Dunkle Jr.'s.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

March 15--Another warm day - very like May weather than March. Sloppy, muddy, warm weather is with us. It's being the 4th day of such. It's not very warm enough to work in anything and warm enough to sit out in it.

Sleighing won't last long if this weather continues. The cows certainly are loving the lap on corn to it's cheap and won't make good spray till we get a cold snap again. We only have around 12 gallons made.

Last Sat. evening Mose Stoltzfus and boys, Christ Swartzs and children, and Dave Yoderhead were here for a few hours. The men came to look over the sap holding lines and evaporator.

Church was at Ben Glick's last Sun. with only Lester there of the young folks. The other 6 attended church and singing at Harvey Ryder's in the Indian area. Church to be at Steve Egan's on March 25.

Our men are done sawing out lumber for our house and Raymond is now working on some custom sawing. Some of the others in the area are plowing. Yes, the Grand get-together was at Sam Sylvia's. The rest of the ladies and girls of the area were at Johnny Ryders'. Valentine Ryder was also there for the day.

Mrs. Eva Chapman

CLYMER, N.Y.

March 13--This sure is enjoying warm spring weather in the 70s. This weather does not make the syrup makers happy. So far they have had a few good runs.

Church was at Dave Miller' Sunday. Visitors were Cora A. Byler, Ivan and Lizzie B. Miller from Elm Run.

Allen Wengard Jr. and Sally J. Ryder are published to be married March 22; the wedding will be at Allen Wengard's.

Last Thurs. Wally, dec. Tena M. J. with our 2 boys, Marvin A. Stevens, Owen Hostetler, Danny Horseley, Malvin, David and Ben E. Hostetler went to Sugarcreek, Pa. to visit a pallet shop and saw how a band saw works.

The above mentioned is our pallet shop crew. They were not impressed with the band saw.

Hands are posted but with a special permit, they are allowing the log and lumber trucks to come in and the pallet trucks to go out.

They are exporting a load of Allen Byler's relatives from Conroy today to help on the house. There were 4 men from Jasper, N.Y. here Fri. to help.

Church to be at Elvin Miller's next for Dan Hostetler's Wedding instead for Allen is also there.

Mrs. W. Troyer

SOUTH DAYTON, NY

March 14--It's spring-like this week with temperature up in the 70s.

Dau. Barbara went to Joe J. Shetlers' Mon. evening to take care of their children and household duties while they are on a trip to Norwich and Lucknow, Ont.

Ella is helping out at Levi D. Shetlers' as Levi Martha left Mon. morning with Noah Lovina for Norwich. Lovina went to help get ready for the children and grandchildren's sale of her parents, the late Levi E. Millers.

Bro. Noah had plans to leave this morning for Norwich. The sale is on Thurs.

Born to Eli and Veronica Shetler, a son. Grands are Jake J. Millers and Jake D. Shetlers.

Last Thurs. night Eli L. Miller, Johnny E. Hostetler and Andy D. Slabaugh were putting ice away most of the night. Adam R. Hershberger slipped into the water while helping put away ice recently. He cooled off in a hurry.

Menno E. Miller church is to be at David L. Millers' and John M. Miller church at Eli J. Wengerds' again for their son Enoses. Both will be on March 25th.

Mrs. Mose J. Shetler

CLYDE, NEW YORK

March 11--After a cold snap we now have spring weather. Temperature this morning was 36º. Our snow is almost all gone.

Today Raymond Millers from Clymer, N.Y. are supposed to come to Lonnie Stutzmans' for a 2-week stay. The young folks from here are also at Lonnies'.

Geese are back. Every year the flocks of Canadian geese seem to get larger. Some geese stayed in the Finger Lake region all winter.

Last Sunday church was at Lonnie Stutzmans'. It'll be at David Yoders' next, because Noah Bylers won't be taking their turn since they plan to move shortly.

Either this Friday or Sat. I believe is when Noahs plan to have their auction. They wanted to move next week, but don't know if their deal is going to go through or not.

We've been having trouble with our deal, too, so we won't be loading our trucks on the 27th of March as planned. Don't know how soon we'll be able to move now.

Yesterday morning we started tearing off the front part of our house. By 5:30 our tired menfolk decided they had enough for 1 day. The front is almost all enclosed. The crew that worked on the house were hubby and our 5 sons and also sometimes Momma and one or 2 of the girls.

Monday morning--raining.

Noah Byler's auction will be on March 16th. They came home Friday. Left for LeRaysville, Penn. on Sat. They were in Kentucky for 5 weeks.

Mrs. John F. Coblentz

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Mar. 14--Temp. 70º or above this week, grass is greening up, people are plowing.

Tomorrow is the wedding at John Rabers" for their dau. Mary and John B. Hostetler.

There were 3 couples published Sunday, Dan J. Yoder (Joe J.) and Katie L. Miller (Levi Y.) wedding to be Mar. 20. Lewis E. Yoder (Eli J.) and Elizabeth A. Miller (Andy A.) wedding to be Mar. 22. Yost L. Miller (Levi Y.) and Lydia E. Yoder (Eli J.) wedding to be March 29.

Mose M. E. Yoders from Sugar Grove were around here from Wed. to Monday and were here for dinner Sunday.

Newborns are a dau. Lydia on March 7 to Daniel J. Hostetler and Elizabeth (Miller). Grands are Josie Hostetlers and Pete A. Millers. Greats are Mrs. Elizabeth Miller and Mrs. Ada Shetler.

A son David on Mar. 12 to Eli J. and Fronica (Miller) Shetler. Grands are Jacob J. Millers and Jacob D. Shetlers.

A son, Mony, to Eli D. E. and Rosa (Hershberger) Miller. Grands are Dan E. Millers and the writers. It was born Mar. 14 and died early this morning. We buried it this p.m. Their address is Eli D. E. Miller, Rt. 1, Conewango Valley, N.Y. 14726.

Lewis P. Millers took their baby in the hospital and I don't know how it is coming along.

We lost our old driving horse sometime Sun. night. In the morning when Menno got to the barn he had his shoe on the hind foot caught on the halter and was dead. Mom had that horse a few years before we got married and we had it here 10 years. He would've been 21 yrs. old by April 9.

Andy E. Millers and Jacob N. Wengards will trade places and Raymond U. Millers want to move to Sugar Grove to his folks. They are building a new house for them.

Reports are Andy L. Shetlers from Sugar Grove will move up here to her folks, Mose E. Millers, then Henry A. Hershbergers will have to find something else. Mrs. Mattie Byler from Sugar Grove will go where Jacob E. Wengards live.

Crist B. Shetler (Ben J.) was riding a horse on Mon. and the horse fell and hurt Crist's leg. No break, but a bad bruise.

Ben B. Shetlers brought their son Bennie and wife from Mayville over to young Mennos tonight.

Monroe M. Yoders from Sugar Grove came this morning to attend the wedding tomorrow and the auction on Friday and were at Eli D. E. Millers', too, today.

They are building a new schoolhouse on the Chicken Rd. to replace the one on the West Rd. Menno Hershberger

DEWITTVILLE, N.Y.

Mar. 15--Yone Cs., Crist Js., and dau. Sadie, Amos Ns. and dau. Nancy, Sam Ns. and son Jacob (all Bylers) spent over the 4th in Lawrence. The first 3 sets attended the Mast-Byler wedding the 6th.

Joni F., Mose Ws. and dau. Lizzie, and Mahlon Js. (all Bylers), and Mose S. Hostetlers and son John, also the John K. Byler family attended the Byler-Miller wedding in Sugar Grove. Also Crist H. Byler and dau. Nancy.

Church and singing at John Kurtzes' Sun., at Johns' again next time.

John Kurtzes and 2 oldest and 2 youngest left for Lawrence Monday for the Byler-Wengerd wedding. Amos J. Bylers had plans to return home with them after visiting their 3 daus. a week or 10 days.

Most children in our eck now have or had the measles. They are now starting at Pleasant View School.

John K. Bylers had plans to leave today for Smicksburg, Pa. to attend public sale at Ervin U. Bylers'.

Saloma J. Byler

CATO, NEW YORK

Mar. 15--We are having unusually warm weather. Still lots of mud to be dried up.

A group of women came together last Fri. to clean the house that Richard and Grace Snyder of Pa. are planning to move into later this month. Richards came up that morning, also her parents, Harvey Martins and daughter Nora, and Lucille Burkholder.

Visitors at Pleasant Ridge on Sun. were Ivan and Sarah Jane Hurst and Nevin Ray (Marvin) and Daryl (Earl) Hurst and special friends Luella Snyder (Clayton) and Christine Martin (Lester). Bish. Leonard Brubakers were at Fayette, but I didn't find out who brought them.

Melvin and Mabel High started for Pa. Sun. p.m. They took their turn to stay with her aged parents, William Martins, Sun. and Mon. night.

Gerald Hoovers were to Pa. Mon. to attend the public sale of his uncle Luke Wise's farm equipment.

Ellis Martin broke his ankle at two places on Thurs. when he fell down the cellar steps. They say potatoes are good for your health, but a potato on a cellar step can be hazardous to your health.

Gary Zeiset (Elmer) was admitted to Sodus Hospital Tues. morning for an appendectomy. He was expected to come home today.

Raymond Nolts went to Pa. to attend the wedding Sat. of her niece Marlene Horning (Melvin) to Daniel Brubacher (Allen). Mrs. Wilmer Horning

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

Mar. 14--Temp. 70° or above this week, great is greeting up people on playing.

Tomorrow is the wedding at John Hulsey" for that day. Mary and Linda B. Hurdle.

There were 3 couple published Tuesday, Dec. 1. Yeder (Jan 1) and Carol L. Miller (Dec. 1). wedding to be Mar. 31. Lewis E. Yoder (Dec. 1.) and Elizabeth A. Miller (Early A.) wedding to be Mar. 22. Yoe L. Hulse (Lord V.) and Linda B. Yoder (Bill J.) wedding to be March 28.

Miss M. E. Yoder from Sugar Grove were married last Thur. Wed. to Murray and were here for short Tuesday.

Mrs. Jones are a dau. Lydia on March 7 to Daniel J. Hostetler and Elizabeth (Miller). Grands are Jacob Hostetler and Mrs. J. Miller. Great are Mrs. Hulse-Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ada Shetler.

A son David on Mar. 12 to Jo J. and Fannie (Miller) Shetler. Grands are Jacob J. Millers and Jacob D. Shetlers. Great are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ada Shetler.

A son, Mary, to Eli D. E. and Esta (Hershberger) Miller. Grands are Dan J. Millers and the wilma D. Hershbergers. Great are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ada Shetler.

A son and dau early this morning. To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller a girl D. Miller, Rt. 1, Cedar Lake, N.Y. 14728.

Lewis J. Miller took thursday in the hospital and I don't know how it is coming along.

We lost our old convey here sometime Sun. night. In the morning when Mervin got to the barn he had to thaw on the hind foot caught on the latter and was dead. More last that some a few years before we had married and we had it here 10 years. He would've been 11 yrs. old in April.

Andy E. Miller and Jacob N. Weaver were well made plans and Raymond C. Miller went to move to Sugar Grove to his home. They are building a new home in town.

Reports are Andy L. Shetlers from Sugar Grove with move on here to her folks, Mose E. Miller, then Henry A. Hershbergers will have to find something else. Mrs. Mattie Hyder from Sugar Grove will go where Jacob E. Weaver's live.

Chri E. Shetler (Ben J.) was riding a horse on Mon. and the horse fell and hurt Chris's leg. No break, but a bad bruise.

Ben S. Shetler brought their son Benuse and wife from Maryville over to young Mennos tonight.

Mcmore M. Yoders from Sugar Grove came this morning to attend the wedding tomorrow and the auction on Friday and were at Eli D. E. Miller's, too, early.

They are building a new schoolhouse on the Chicken Rd. to replace the one on the West Rd. Mennos Hershberger

DEWITTVILLE, N.Y.

Mar. 15--Vows Co. Clerk Jo. and dau Stella, Atrop Pk. and dau Nancy. Jas Pa. and son Jacob (all Byler) were over the 4th in Lawrence. The line 3 sets attended the Miss-Byler wedding th 6th.

Joel P., Mose Wa. and dau Linda, and Malvin Ja. (all Byler), and Mose S. Hostetler and son Jolas, also the John E. Byler family attended the Byler-Miller wedding in Sugar Grove. Also Chris R. Byler and dau Nancy.

Church and singing at John Kurrer Sun., at John' again next time.

John Kurrer and 2 oldest and 2 youngest left for Lawrence Monday for the Byler-Weigard wedding. Amos J. Byler had plans to return home with them after visiting their 3 days a week to 10 days.

Most children in our crk now have or had the measles. They are now starting at Pleasant View School.

John E. Byler had plans to leave today for Fredericksburg, Pa. to attend public sale at Ervin D. Byler.

Salome J. Byler

CATO, NEW YORK

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A group of women came together last Fri. to clean the house that Richard and Cleon Zeyder of Pa. are planning to move into later the month. Richards came up that morning also her parents, Harvey Martins and daughter Mona, and Lucille Hostetler.

Visitors at Pleasant Ridge on Sun. were Ivan and Sarah Jane Hurst and Phebe Ray (Harvey) and Daryl (Ray) Hurst and cousin Linda Snyder (Clayton) and Caroline Martin (Lester) Hurst. Leonard Hostetlers were at Troy one day, but I didn't find out who through them.

Valerie and Mabel Hilty started for Pa. Mon. p.m. They took their turn to stay with and help parents, William Martins. See and Elsie, right.

Gerald Hostetlers were to Pa. Mon. to attend the public sale of he uncle Lester Hyler's farm equipment.

Ellis Martin broke his ankle at two places on Thurs. when he fell down the cellar steps. They say potatoes are good for your health, but a potato on a cellar step can be hazardous to your health.

Mary Zeiset (Elmer) was admitted to Soldier Hospital Thurs. morning for an appendectomy. He was reported to come home today.

Raymond Hilty went to Pa. to attend the wedding Sat. of her niece Martha Herring (Delvin) to Daniel Beiswicker (Alden). Mrs. Wayne Herring

SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

Waterloo Mennonite

March 5--We are looking forward to a week of revivals March 18-25 with Isaac K. Sensenig as evangelist. All welcome.

Our family and Clifford Weaver's family both left late Fri. afternoon for Pa. to attend the ordination at Richland Church. The ordination was actually for a minister for the Bernville Church. Paul Weaver and Paul Siegrist shared the lot. Paul Siegrist was ordained. He is 29 yrs. old, married to Kathy Weaver, and the son of James and Esther Siegrist. Paul and Kathy have 4 preschool children. The church was packed. Both Pauls come from large families. In Paul Weaver's family there were 15 children and most of them were there, also Paul's wife's folks. She is Karen, dau. of Myron and Edna King. Myrons themselves were unable to attend, as Myron only came home from a 16-day hospital stay the day before the ordination. All of Paul Siegrist's brothers and sisters were there except Charlotte, who is teaching school in Guatemala and a sister in B.C., so of course they were unable to attend.

Alvin Snyder had devotions and Ben Eshbach preached the ordination message. Isaac Sensenig assisted in laying on of hands. Carl Sensenig gave the charge.

We were at David and Joyce Martin's for supper. Joyce's mother Marie and son Daniel were also there, also Marvin's mother Ruth Witmer. Joyce showed us her thriving geranium plants which she is raising under grow lamps to sell, also their greenhouse full of primroses. We spent our nights with Jonas Stoltzfuses and also had Sun. dinner there along with Kenneth Goods.

My parents, Ivan Weavers, were at the ordination also. They are cooks at Numidia this term. Uncle Harvey and Laura Weaver, Mt. Pleasant, Ill., are the assistant cooks. A sister to the cooks, Anna, is also there. Her husband John Sensenig and she are serving as principal and matron for 2 terms. Mark Zehr from here is a student this term.

Mark Sensenigs' 3 youngest had some sort of intestinal virus over the weekend. Their Christina, a first grader, was one of 3 students who due to illness had to miss going along to Geneva Convalescent Center for the yearly school singing program on Fri. Parents who accompanied the students were John and Amanda Zimmerman, Mel and Irene Kurtz, Isaac Ray and Mary Ann Sensenig, Marvin Witmer and Rachel Zehr.

March 13--Yesterday my parents flew to the Bahamas for several weeks of service on Andros Island. Jonathan Weaver, son of David and Thelma Weaver, Womelsdorf, Pa., also left recently for a year of service there.

Carl Nolts were in Pa. last week for Mary's uncle's funeral, Melvin Weaver, at the Groffdale Church.

Two of our ministry were missing on Sun. Clifford Weaver preached at Crystal Light and John David Zimmerman at New England Valley. Melvin Zehr preached here. They were at John Zimmermans' for dinner.

Susan Martin's parents, the Landis Weavers, came up on the 1st to see their newest grandchild, Melissa Kay.

Mrs. Marvin Witmer

SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Mar. 23--We had more snow again today which was all melted by this afternoon. Farmers are again in the fields plowing.

Our church was at Crist M. Hostetlers' Sun. where Min. Owen J. Hershbergers and Min. Crist F. Miller (Parkman, Ohio), Dan Bontragers (Farmington), Harvey J. Weavers (Middlefield) and Jesse Hostetlers (Windsor, Ohio) were visitors. Church to be at Crist C. Detweilers', April 1.

Visiting on Sunday at Ervin E. C. Millers' were her father Bert D. Miller, Daniels, Daniel Jrs., Freeman A. Millers and Eli S. Yoders of Middlefield, Ohio. Also Robert A. Millers, Wally Weavers, Dannie Hostetlers and Owen Benders of here.

Quite a few were up from Sparty, Pa. last Fri. evening at different places. John A. Millers at Jake M. Millers', Simon Lees at Andy Lees'. Some of the Mahlon Troyer family at Jake A. Bylers'. Andy E. Bylers and some of their married children at Andy A. Byler Jrs'. (also Andy M. Millers and Chris Kauffmans of here), Manas Troyers and Owen Bylers at Roy Troyers'.

Luke Troyers were at his bro. Roys' from Thurs. eve. until Saturday. They are from N. Carolina. They and Roys went to Sparty on Sat. till Sunday. Lukes returned home from Sparty.

At Roys' on Tues. from Sparty were Mrs. John A. Miller, Mrs. John Hostetler and Mrs. Milo Miller. Also Mrs. Jake M., Mrs. Andy J. M. Miller, Rueben Miller and Mrs. Andy Lee. Mrs. Ben D. Byler came along up to help get ready for the wedding at her parents', Atlee Wengerds'.

The wedding of Atlee Wengerd Jr. and Sally Fisher was held yest. at Atlee Srs'. They were married by his father. Witnesses were Menno J. Weaver and Edna Wengerd, Jacob Fisher and Margaurite Troyer (Joni) of Townville, Pa.

A 10 lbs. 4 oz. son was born to Melvin and Linda Kauffman Sunday morning. Grands are Henry and Sarah Kauffman and Wallace and Clara Miller. Greats are Mahlon and Fannie Yoder, John and Ella Kauffman, Mrs. Melvin (Ida) Miller and Mrs. Jake (Mary Ann) Miller, all of Ohio.

The teachers and their parents were invited to Wallace Millers' for supper for his birthday Wed. evening. They were teachers Melvin and Lydia Weaver and son, teacher Lydia Ann, parents Jake Millers, Laura and Erma, teachers Mrs. Mary and dau. Lori Burkholder, her hubby Bill and dau. Linda, teacher Arlene and parents Andy J. Millers and Fannie Mae Byler.

Clarence and Lena Reiff, Mary Ann Zimmerman, Janet Martin, Martha Hoover, Lydiann Zimmerman, Ellen Burkholder, Janice Hoover, Joseph and Vera Martin, son Lewis and dau. Norma and Lydiann Zimmerman's father (I missed his name) of Penn Yan, New York were visiting the 4 schools in the community today. Wallace and Clara Miller were their guides. They had lunch at Jake M. Millers'. The writers, Mrs. Roy Troyer and Mrs. Rueben Miller were also there. The 6 girls are teachers and are all Old Order Mennonites.

Going to Ohio Wed. were Mrs. Enos D. Miller and dau. Elsie, Mrs. Dan Troyer and dau. Rachel to Mrs. Dorothy Byler's. Mrs. Joe Bricker, Lydia Ann and Elmina, Mrs. Crist A. Byler to Mrs. John Troyer's. Melvin A. Bylers and Mrs. John Bricker to Alvin A. Byler's and the writers to a quilting at Andrew O. Yoders'. I also visited at Dan M. Hostetlers' in p.m. Elsie stayed and will come home this weekend. Also another load was in, Ervin M. Hostetlers, John M. Weavers, Walter Bricker and Mrs. William A. Byler.

Mrs. Andy J. Miller

PHILADELPHIA, N.Y.

Philadelphia Christian Fellowship

March 24--We enjoyed a warm spell last week. This week, however, is again the average temperatures of March.

Ira Hubers have plans to be around for a week or two. The youth are invited to Ronald Hess' on Sun. for supper and singing, there also being a visiting minister around. Willard Bergy of Wellsboro, Pa. is speaker at Hope Fellowship.

We are glad to have our meat supply being replenished again. While getting meat off the loader a nail went straight through Harvey's finger. It is bandaged now.

Philip Myers were to visit the families at Madison County, the new outreach. On the way home they stopped in to see Steve DeBello.

There was some anxiety at the Lloyd Martin home when a raccoon came around. Lloyd tried to hold him but it bit him twice. Being suspicious of rabies they gave Lloyd shots for it. The raccoon, now dead, was taken to Albany to be tested. Thankfully the tests were negative.

Harvey Martins

WOODHULL, NEW YORK

March 22--We had some colder weather. Had a blanket of snow again but with the sun shining today it is mostly gone again. Sugaring seems to be over with and was a short season.

Church was largely attended at Jonas J. Bylers' last time. Danny Millers from Conewango, N.Y. were visitors. From N. dist. were Pre. Melvin Hershberger, Pre. Mahlon Miller, Pre. Jonas L. Millers and family, Enos Kauffmans, Andy Weavers and quite a few of the young folks.

Danny Millers were at Enos Kauffmans' over the weekend. Plans were to leave for home on Mon. eve. in Conewango.

A load of menfolks from here were to Clymer, N.Y. last Thurs. to work on the house they're building to replace the one that burned down.

Two new babies were in church Sun. John, baby son of Eli E. Millers and Joseph, baby son of Ivan J. Mullets. Also Anna Byler was able to attend after missing a few times.

Allen J. Miller and Susan R. Raber have chosen March 29 for their wedding day.

Today Marie Raber (teacher) took the upper grades over to visit Maple Grove School. Anna E. Miller was teaching school Mon. and Tues. since Susan was published Sun.

Alvin Farmwald is in the hospital after having surgery last week. He has had many sick days and dr. and hospital bills, etc. Will let N. dist. scribe give details, she being a neighbor to Alvins. Jonas J. Mullets and us were to Hornell hospital last evening to see him.

Ervin J. Byler had to have stitches last week after being hit in his forehead with a bat while playing ball in school.

Little Irene (2), dau. of Levi Mullets, fell down the hayhole lately. She was lucky enough to escape any bruises.

Mrs. Dan J. Mullet

RENSSELAER FALLS, N.Y.

March 22--Spring-like weather for nearly a week. Ducks and geese are back and grass is showing a green tint.

I was to an auction of a big farmer the other week where a young man had taken over his dad's farm. Now they had fire in top of a silo and in some way a fireman got hurt who is trying to sue this young farmer for one million dollars. Plus his wife wants $250,000 for some awkward reason. So a lawyer advised him to get rid of everything.

Church is at Jonas S. Millers' on the 25th.

A dau. was born to Joe E. Hostetlers on the 17th and a son to Menno R. Yoders, the 18th.

Henry Glicks and several children want to leave for Minn. and Joe D. Hostetlers for Ohio tomorrow. Mosie A. Gingeriches will take care of the sawmill, etc. while Joes are gone.

Jacob J. Swartzentruber and Dan, son of Jonas Swartzentrubers had a rather unusual accident the other day while driving a 6-year-old horse that isn't broke single. While crossing the Oswegatchie River here in Rensselaer Falls, this horse started watching the water and dashed across the road and didn't stop on the other side, but hobbled out over the railing. Now with the horse's hind feet being clamped between the cross piece of the shaft and the bridge railing, he was hung head down. They unhooked the tugs and took the pressure off the shaft. Plop, and the horse was buried in the river. Of course, he came up again. They soon caught him at the shore. Their collar was gone so Dan sat on the fire chief's truck and pulled the buggy home while Jacob walked the horse home.

Old natives tell me in years past some Indians had a horse in this river and upon getting him out they shouted, "Aus, we got ja." In their language an "Aus" was a horse and this is where the river got its name, "Os-we-gat-chie".

E. Swartzentruber

BUDGET, MARCH 22,1990 (WEDNESDAY)

SOUTH DAYTON, NEW YORK

March 21--We had summer-like week with temp. in the 70's and 80's. The baby boy at Eli J. Shetlers' has been named Daviid and weighed 8 lb. 13 oz.

Eli D. Millers had a boy named Emanuel last week but he only lived 17 hrs. He wasn't normal. Grands are Dan E. Millers and Menno Hershbergers.

Joe J. Wengerds had a stillborn baby Sat. eve. Grands are Jake J. Wengerds and Petey A. Millers.

Mose Stutzmans had a scare Fri. eve. when 4 boys (masked) jumped out of the ditch and told them to hand over their money. They said they thought they pointed a gun at them. Mose handed them the billfold with $40.00 cash, then they told them to turn around and go the other way.

That same eve. as we were coming home from Elis a car went around us down a hill and stopped ahead and a man got out and put out his arm to stop us but we speeded up the horse and went past and they didn't bother us again. The car was full of men or boys. The police caught two of the boys now that robbed Moses. The one lives close to Conewango and the other one near the Raber corner.

Another car gave some a scare Sun. eve. by just passing close by the buggies often.

We have a drs. appointment for baby Raymond as he seems to have an ear infection.

Joe M. Miller ch. dist. will be at David Bylers' March 1 for Sam J. Millers and Noah Detweiler dist. is at Mosie J. Bylers' also March 1st.

Mrs. Mosie J. Shetler

CLYDE, NEW YORK

March 19--We had rain Fri. and Sat. Sun. it snowed some. All this after 5 sunny days with temp. up to 70° in the shade.

Fri. was the auction of Noah Bylers Church was at David Yoders'. Strangers attending were Bish. Enoch N. Byler from Guys Mills, Pa., Pre. Jonas S. Masts, Pre. Ira D. Yoders, Joni P. Masts from LeRaysville, Pa., and Henry M. Millers, Dea. David N. Bylers, Allen M. Millers and Susanna Troyer from Delaware.

Raymond Millers were also in church yesterday. They are planning to stay another 2 weeks at least.

The other week while painting the bathroom, I fell off the top of a 3 ft. stepladder, receiving bruises on my leg & shoulder. Then I was pulling a board off the ceiling when the hammer slipped and I got a black & blue eye! After receiving a burn on my arm from a stove pipe, I hope my run of bad luck will change.

Mrs. John F. Coblentz

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

March 19--Rainy and cooler after our very warm weather last week with temperatures in the high 70's a few days.

Born to Menno R. Yoders' a son. This brings their total to 8 boys and 4 girls. Grands are Mose J. Millers and the writer.

The young boys around here are getting anxious to gather night crawlers to sell which are starting to come up. They can make good money at 4 cents a piece. It doesn't take long to get 100 of them once they come to the surface on a good evening or early morning. It won't be long till the river banks will be busy with fisherman trying to get the first bullhead that will bite. Seems the natives relish them in the early spring when the water is still cold. You can even buy them in the grocery stores, skinned, ready for the frying pan.

East church was held at Menno L. Zooks' for son-in-law Joe D. Hostetlers, so old grandpa got the chance to bake some bread for the table there. Attendance was smaller than usual as quite a few attended the South side which was in the neighborhood here, at Mose L. Swartzentrubers'.

East side is to be at Sam J. Yoders' on April 1st. South at Mose L. Swz. for their son Jonas M. Swartzentrubers, on same date.

Old Levi L. Shetler Sr. attended church last Sunday, which was about the first time for this winter. He doesn't seem to be very well at present.

Maple syrup is priced from $20 a gal. to $28. So far I got mine free. Good fresh maple syrup goes real good on a dish of homemade ice cream.

Mose E. Shetlers arrived home last Friday from their trip to central western states, coming home through Canada to escape the strikers. Quite a few of the larger runs were running last week with new drivers that didn't even have driver's uniforms on.

Dennis N. Gingerich left for Ohio to attend the funeral of a 5 yr. old child at his sister's place, the Menno Millers.

Rudy S. Yoder

HEUVELTON, NEW YORK

It may be of interest to some to read of the history of my ancestors on my mother's side. My great-great-grandfather, Simeon H. Yoder, was born and brought up in the Big Valley in Pa.

He married Elizabeth Kanagy, between Belleville and Allensville, in Menno twp. Their wedding was held on the old Joe King Homestead at a place known as Kings Hollow on Nov. 9th in 1820.

He, with his wife, moved to Lawrence Co. and lived there a while. Later they moved back to the valley. Still later they bought a farm between Belleville and Reedsville on June the 8th in 1863 from Samuel K. Yoder. This farm is known as the Big Spring farm and lays along the road known as Coffee Run. They lived on this farm 30 years and died there.

His oldest son Mose K. Yoder, my great-grandfather, was married to a Sarah Zook. In later years Mose decided to move west for some unknown reason and leave his nice home in Pa. He went as far as Newton, Kansas in Harvey Co. Later Sarah went to join him by train with 7 children ranging in age from 2 to 17 years of age. They lived here for 2 years and were, money-wise, poor people. One winter they had to burn cow chips for fuel.

Two years later they moved to McPherson Co. in an old sod house where a colony of 5 families lived and were there 4 years, too poor to move back to Pa.

In 1892 they moved to Reno Co., Kansas. I don't know how long they lived in Reno Co. Later Mose and his son Simon went to Custer Co., Oklahoma and put in a claim for a Homestead there, 8 miles southeast of Thomas, Okla. They moved on it a year later.

His son Simon broke some ground while his father built a dug-out house against a bank and put a sod roof on it. They also built a barn the same way. The house had a dirt floor. Their nearest town was El-Reno which was 55 miles away. The trip to town took 3 days and they had 2 dangerous rivers to cross to get there.

Here poverty struck still harder and there were times the first years when they didn't have anything to eat. Apparently they had neighbors that helped them along who gave them flour and wheat to help get started. They even ate Johnny cake made out of Kaffir corn. Here he sent 2 of his sons, Simon and Christ back to Kansas to work to make a little money to live on, which they sent back to their parents.

It was free range those days, and one day when they had company, right at dinner time a cow ran over the roof of their dug out house and partly fell through. Another time when they had church services there it rained hard. The roof leaked so bad that they had to dip water off of the dirt floor.

Later after it went better, money wise, Mose built a better house. As far as I know that house is still there or was in 1964 and is about the oldest house in Custer Co. At that time it was owned by a Shrock and his son Truman lived on it. They fixed the house up real nice.

Mose K. was noted for raising fruit and was often asked to do tree pruning for others. Their first church services were held in a dug out in 1898 by Jonas Bontreger of Reno Co., Kansas.

Later Mose sold out and moved to Mayes Co., Okla. to his son Levi. I heard say once that Moses' son Rudy, which was my grandfather, was one of the first ones to move to Mayes Co. if not the first one.

They also say Mose butchered and peddled meat. He was always happy and jolly which made a good salesman.

I do know my mother was mostly raised in Okla., or somewhere in the west. Mothers name was Sarah and she moved later on with her parents to Centreville, Mi. where she married Sam E. Yoder, my father, the son of Enos D. Yoder, around 73 years ago.

Moses K. was a good singer and was a leader in singing in church as long as health permitted. He was well liked by young and old. Some used to call him "Kicker Mose" as he most always had his legs crossed while singing and kicking slowly with his leg on top. I remember seeing him once in my very young years.

He was quite a pioneer and tried to help start new settlements in the western states. I believe we would think it very hard if we would have to go through what the old folks did, according to history. We don't even like to cut a few brush by hand when starting new settlements if we can slip out of it. It is much nicer if we can just settle in where older pioneers have already built the buildings and cleared the land. Rudy S. Yoder

BUDGET, MARCH 28, 1990 (WEDNESDAY)

PANAMA, NEW YORK

March 22--It warmed up yest. so that sap flowed again.

A bluebird and phoebe were heard last week but must not have found things to their liking.

Melvin and Linda Kauffman have another not so little boy, named Owen, who weighed 10-4. He has one brother, 4 grandparents, Henry Kauffmans and Wallace Millers, and 6 great-grandparents. Mahlon Yoders, Mrs. Melvin (Ida) Miller and Mrs. Jacob (Katie) Miller and John Kauffmans. The grandparents all live in Geauga Co.

Joe and Walter Bricker, Andy S. Yoders and probably others are leaving for Geauga this afternoon to pay their repects to Mrs. Andy (Kate) Byler and other stops.

Going to Ohio yest. were Melvin A. Bylers and daus., Mary Ann and Barbara Bricker and baby to Alvin Bylers', Mrs. Enos Miller and 2 daus. Betty and Elsie, Mrs. Dan Troyer and Rachel to Ruby Dorothy, Mrs. Andy J. Miller, Mrs. Crist A. Byler and baby, I and 3 daus. Lydiann, Elmina and Nancy were to dau. Leah's school till noon. Leah left her school to her co. teacher and older pupils and went with us to Mom's. Mother was with the granny group at Elmer Weavers' having left instructions for our driver to come after her there.

Mrs. Joe Bricker

FILLMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

March 22--It got cold over the weekend.

Yesterday it started warming up and is up to 50° at 9:00 already, so we will see if we got some more good sap to boil. If not it will be our worst syrup season in the 14 yrs. we've been at it.

Last week Sam Girods and we started baking to sell again.

Ernest Girod Jrs. from LeRaysville, Pa. were visiting with the Girod and Byler relatives from Mon. morn. till Tues. evening.

And then there was this lady and her dau. who went to visit school on Tues. and take lunch for the teacher and scholars. She ended up substituting from first recess on so Ernest could go to Johnny Bylers' where the others got together in honor of Ernest Jrs. It might be a good idea to find out what's going on the day you want to visit school.

I have several crib sheets to sew today. I do them for an English lady who sells them. It's not hard work and pays better than quilting.

"The golden rule of friendship is to listen to others as you would have them listen to you." Mrs. Ray Gingerich

PRATTSBURG, NY

March 19--We had 4 days of 70° weather last week which must be quite a record. Some of the early birds have been plowing.

Chris Schwartzes spent a few days in the Norfolk area a few weeks ago.

Jerry Schwartz received another gooseneck trailer load of his farm machinery from Norfolk. Then a week later another load arrived which included a thrashing machine for Mose Schwartz. Ben Schwartz was along on the second load and they left from here for Milverton, Ont., Can. to get some diesels.

Visitors in the area on March 11 were Mark and Joe Wicky Jr., Mervin and Raymond Hilty, Jonas, Andy Naomi and Ruth Wengard, all from the Norfolk area. Danny Schwartz left the next day with the Wengards on a 5-day trip to Pa., Oh. and Ind.

Mose and Chris Schwartz attended the farm sale of Noah Byler in Clyde on Fri.

Mose Schwartzes have the chicken pox in their house now. They have no idea where they picked them up.

Born to Jerry Wengards, a dau. named Miriam, on March 17. Weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs. This puts Mose Schwartzes on the grandfather list for the first time. The other grand is Ruth Wengard from Norfolk. Great-grandparents are Dave Wickeys from Norfolk and Dan J. Troyers from Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa. This child also puts a lot of people on the great-aunt and great-uncle list for the first time, including myself.

Church was at Mose Schwartzes' yest., with council church planned there on April 1.

Chris Schwartz had quite a experience while cutting logs. Halsey Sager was helping him. He is a 78-year-old retired man, well-known to former Amish from here. Somehow, Harlsey was thrown back by a log and hit his head full force on another log. He was knocked unconscious. Chris ran to the neighbors' to call but nobody was home so he ran to the third house before he found somebody home. By the time the ambulance arrived Halsey had regained consciousness but was taken to the Elmira hosp. where he was in intensive care a few days.

Harry D. Troyer

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grandparents all live in Geauga Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beachy, Andy S.
Troyers previously where are leaving
for Sunday to continue to pay their
respects to Bro. Andy (Lizzie) Byler and
other ones.

Guests in Otho were Albert A.
Beachy and Mary, Mary Ann, Barbara,
Henry and Sally to Cecil Byler, Mrs.
Elsie Miller and Elsie, Mary and Elsie,
Mrs. Chas. Troyer and Harold to Henry
Chrestie, Mrs. Sarah J. Miller, Mrs. Cora
A. Byler and Sally, Carol Ann Troyer
and Elsie, Elmira and Mary Ann to Mrs.
Lydia, retired all week. Lena Ann Troyer
stayed to be on another old-time couple
and went with us to Mrs. Lydia Troyer
with the group at Byler Wednesday
noon, having had instructions for our
dinner to come after her home.

Mrs. Ida Byler

PILLSMORE, NEW YORK

Centerville Area

March 22--It got cold over the week-
end.

Yesterday it started warming up and is
up to 50's at 2:00 already, so we will
get some more days so we feel it's not
to be a very long winter in the 14
yes, we've been in it.

Last week Tim Gingrich and we started
hauling in soft maple.

Elmer Gingrich, Jr. from Lackawaxen,
Pa. were visiting with the Chad and Judy
relatives from Mich. over the Days
evening.

And then Mary was the lady and he
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Mary D. Troyer

CATO, NEW YORK

March 22--We had some snow and cold the beginning of this week, dampening the spirits of some outdoor enthusiasts.

Dau. Rachel and Leon Burkholder, Dean High and Sharon Martin, Maynard Shirk and Joanne Horst and Elmer and Emma Zeiset traveled to Mo. Thurs. and came home Mon. Most of them attended the wedding of Lavon High (Mervin) and Martha Zimmerman (Levi) on Sat. Elmer and some men attended a big equip. auction at Iowa on Fri.

The Leon Good family visited his cousin Grace and Clarence Martin in Mi. on Sun. Other dinner guests there were Clarence's sisters Lavon Martins and John Zimmermans of In. Leons stopped to see the lights at Niagara Falls on the way home.

A son Jerry Durrel was born to Gerald and Mary Jane Martin on March 14. Grandparents are John and Verna Lauver and Clarence and Mary Martin.

Allen and Mabel Hoover became first-time grandparents after a son Dervin Lamar was born to their dau. Sharon and Lamar Horning on March 20th. Other grands are David and Evelyn Horning.

Some women came together last week to clean the house on the farm that was purchased by Kenneth and Lillian Horst of Pa. It is located in the Phelps area. They plan to move in the near future.

Visitors in church Sun. at Pleasant Ridge were Mrs. Paul Zimmerman, Mrs. Norman Weaver, Lloyd and Arlene Sensenig, Aaron and Mary Hurst, Adam and Carolyn Wenger, Aaron and Emma Wise and Esther Mae and Minerva, Clayton and Verna Martin, David and Esther Sensenig and Ruth, Adam and Laura Burkholder and Christ Shirk and Christ and Anna Martin.

Clarence and Mary Martin attended the funeral last week of his bro. Norman at S. Carolina. They went to Pa. on Wed. and traveled there with his bros. Ivans and David Martins. They stayed in Pa. after coming back and were Sun. dinner guests of her cousin Alvin Weavers, who had more cousins, uncles and aunts invited. They had supper with Henry Martins and visited John Sensenig who recently had heart surgery.

Sometime before Clarences left for Pa. Wed. they had a scare with a chimney fire. She was alone and thought it was out, but noticed the heat or flame in the wall, so called son Warren and with water they got it out.

Kevin and Karolyn High and Kevin and Marilyn Martin also went to Mo. for the wedding. They stopped at Wi. on the way home. Mrs. Wilmer Horning

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

March 23--Church was at Uria D. Millers' Sun. and shall be at Em. Y. Millers' next.

Extras at the wedding at John Rabers' last Thurs. were Abner P. Miller and Ada J. Raber, Sam Hostetler and Katie J. Miller. Hostlers were Eli D. Hostetler, Noah J. Raber and Dan E. Miller.

The extras on Tues. at Levi Y. Millers were Yost L. Miller, Lydia and David J. Yoder and Susan Hershberger. Hostlers were Eli D. Hostetler, Noah L. Miller and Jonas E. Yoder.

Newborns were a dau. to Joe J. and Ada P. (Miller) Wengard on March 18. They buried it the same day. A dau. on March 20th to John M. and Gertrude (Hershberger) Miller. Grands are the writers and Menno E. Millers. A son Ervin on March 20th to Andy J. and Edna (Swartzentruber) Miller. Grands are Joe E. Millers and Joe Swartzentrubers. A son Mahlon on March 21 to Enos and Rebecca (Hochstetler) Miller. Grands are Mahlon Hochstetlers from Union City and Mrs. Saloma Miller.

The sale turned out pretty good at son Mennos'. They loaded trucks on Mon. The trucks left around 4 o'clock and Mennos left around 5 o'clock. The first truck got to Ky. around 6 the next morning. The trucks both brought hardwood flooring back and came back Wed. noon. Son Joe went along down with one truck.

Yest. was the wedding at Andy A. Millers' for their dau., Elizabeth and Lewis E. Yoder.

Menno J. M. Hershbergers expect to move in here next Tues., March 27.

Eli E. Millers were here last night for supper and Em. Y. Millers were here in the evening awhile. Teacher Lizzie I. Miller came and stayed overnight which helps pass the time as it is kinda empty around here. Menno Hershberger

CATO, NEW YORK

RANDOLPH, NEW YORK

NORFOLK, NEW YORK

March 21--Weather here is quite a bit warmer.

Mervin and Raymond Hilty and Joe and Mark Wickey spent the weekend of March 11th in Prattsburg, N.Y. visiting friends. They got back Mon. morning around 8.

Arriving in the area Thurs. night, March 8th were 5 young folks from Quincy, Mich., namely, Marty and Vern Schmucker (Mart S.), Willie Schmucker (Chris S.), Melvin Steury (Joe S.) and Joe Schmucker (Dan S.). They returned home Sun. morning, March 11th.

Leaving here Mon. morning, March 12th with Pete Z. were Naomi, Ruth, Jonie and Andy Wengerd. They went to Prattsburg, N.Y. to pick up Danny Schwartz and from there they went to Oh., Ind., and Pa. visiting cousins and friends. They returned home March 17th.

Leaving Fri. night, March 16th on a business trip were Ben Schwartz, Danny Wengerd and Willie Hilty. Roger Conte was their driver. They went thru Prattsburg, N.Y. to drop off some farm machinery. From there they went to Elmira, Ont., Can. to trade in 2 diesel engines. They also made a brief stop in Quincy, Mich. at Ben's bro. Joe Schwartzes', and another brief stop in Camden, Mich. to drop off a used stove and pick a new one up. They went back into Can. from there to pick up the trailer they had left there while coming in the U.S. They got back Sun. forenoon, March 18th.

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SENECA FALLS, N.Y.

Waterloo Mennonite

Mar. 21--Our revivals began on Sun. eve., the 18th. Isaac K. Sensenig, Ephrata, Pa. is our evangelist. His first message was brought to us on Sat. afternoon already when we had a combined baptismal-preparatory service. Lamar Zimmerman, Nelson Sensenig, Merlin Kurtz, Doris Bender, Charlene Nolt, Marcia Kurtz, Anna Rose Zehr and Anne Witmer were baptized and received into church fellowship. Several of the grandparents were there. They included Philip Benders (Grantsville, Md.) and Arletha Bender and friend, Mr. Yoder (Md.), Aaron Wises (Pa.), David Sensenigs (Pa.) and Susanna Weaver (Pa.).

Sun. morning we commemorated communion with Bishop Isaac Sensenig in charge. Visitors for that service were David Lamar Hursts, Aaron Hurst Jr. and Isaac's wife Ruth. She came with Isaac on Sat. and returned home on Mon. with Aaron Wises.

After church on Mon. eve. Isaac, Isaac Ray and Clifford Weaver left for Penna. for Irene Witmer's funeral held at Richland Church on Tues. morning. Isaac preached the funeral message. Irene died at home after a long illness. It was a time of much sorrow for the family as God saw fit to suddenly call home Norman Martin, husband of Paul and Irene's oldest daughter, Arlene, earlier in the week and her brothers and sisters were on their way home to Pa. from that funeral in N.C. when Irene passed away.

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Susie Britton, Pa., visited Dorcas Martin over the weekend. She took our school class pictures on Monday.

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CLYMER, NEW YORK

March 19--Weather is back to normal after a week of 70 & 80 degrees.

Last Wed. p.m. the barn of Atlee Wengards burned to the ground. They got all the pigs, cows and horses out in time, but lost 1 calf and 2 dogs. They plan to rebuild in the near future.

Ben E. Hostetler, 20, broke his leg last night. This happened in Sparty. He was walking beside the road and a car hit him.

Yest. a van load from here attended church in Holmes Co. in the Atlee Troyer dist. Church was at Melvin Kuhns'. Those going were Elwin and Esther Kuhns, Dan and Ada Yoder and 2 boys, Allen and Ada Byler, Andy and Betty Miller, Crist Kauffman, Enos Miller and the writers and dau. Tena. Kenny Jackson was our driver.

Last Sat. there was a load of Bylers from Geauga Co. helping on the house. We are hoping to paint this week yet.

Dave and Mary Miller took their 3 handicapped children to Buffalo today for a checkup.

March 21--Last Sunday a load of Atlee Wengards family was out from Geauga, including his Dad Melvin Wengard. I was there helping get ready for the wedding yest. They had 2 dozers there cleaning up hay and debris from the burned barn. The silo is still standing, but will have to be taken down later, as it's ruined. His animals that he didn't sell are at a neighbor's barn and horses are in the tool shed. Mrs. W. Trover

WOODHULL, N.Y.

Jasper Area

March 16--Spring has sprung. The buds on the lilac trees are out, and maple sugar season is almost over.

Visitors in church Sun. were Bish. Ervin Miller, Jonas Bylers, and Ervin Miller Jrs. Next services to be at Levi Farmwalds'.

Alvin Farmwald is once more back in the hospital. They will operate this morn. on colon cancer. He has had many hospital stays the past year. Address: Rt. 1, Box 120, Woodhull, N.Y. 14898.

Yesterday Allen K. Millers of Smicksburg, Pa. and Crist Bylers of New Wilmington, Pa. came up to see Alvin. The women are his sisters and they stayed over night to be with the family today. Al & Crist went home again last night. The women hope to go home then with Andy Hostetlers of Ambrose, Pa. and Joe Millers of Troutville, Pa. who are coming this morn. Lizzie Ann, and Sarah Farmwald came out Tues. to be here with their dads.

Our visitors last week were the Lester Fisher family of Troutville, Pa. They want to move here in the near future.

Crist M. Hershberger met with an accident when the pony he was riding fell & threw him. Results were a concussion and some stitches on his forehead and the lower lip torn loose from the jaw, needing 12 stitches to fix. He missed a week of school.

On Wed. the Enos Kauffmans, Andy Weavers and Mrs. Jonas Byler were to Guys Mills, Pa. for a circle gathering at Joe Millers'.

Yesterday a load of men were to Clymer, N.Y. to help on Daniel's house.

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